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Hon. Anne K. Quinlan Acting Secretary Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20024 July 24, 2009

Re:

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation -

Exempt Abandonment - Oneida County, New York

STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub. No. 6X)

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and 10 copies of the Environmental/Historic Report being filed in connection with the above-referenced abandonment.

Please time stamp the extra copy of the letter to indicate receipt and return it to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided for your convenience.

Please let know if there are any questions about the filing. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

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THE NEW YORK, SUSQUEHANNA AND WESTERN RAILWAY CORPORATION - EXEMPT ABANDONMENT ONEIDA COUNTY, NEW YORK

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation ("Applicant") will be seeking authority to abandon a segment of its line of railroad, known as the Fay Street Branch, which runs between milepost 284.80, at or near Oswego Street in Utica, New York to Milepost 285.22 at or near Warren Street in Utica, New York ("Subject Line"). This Subject Line traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 13502.

Applicant plans to seek Board authorization on or about August 17, 2009 for its abandonment by filing a notice of exempt abandonment pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.50. This report is being filed in connection therewith in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7. To prepare this report, Applicant consulted with various state and federal agencies. Applicant originally contemplated seeking an abandonment in June 2007 and sent letters to a partial list of agencies. Due to the passage of time, Applicant sent letters to all required agencies, including those who had been contacted previously. See the letters attached as Exhibit A. Based on the written responses received by Applicant attached as Exhibit B, and the responses (both oral and written) noted in the Response Log attached as Exhibit C, Applicant states as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

(49 CFR 1105.7)

1. PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Applicant proposes to abandon the Subject Line which it acquired in 1982. There has been no freight service on the Subject Line in the last fifteen years. Applicant intends to salvage the track materials such as the rails and ties; however it anticipates that the roadbed will be left intact.

2. EFFECTS ON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- i) There has been no freight service on the Subject Line in the last fifteen years. Therefore, the abandonment of the Subject Line would have no effect on the transportation system. Applicant served notice of the proposed abandonment upon the Office of the Governor, the NYS Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT") and the NYSDOT (Region 6). *See* letters attached as part of Exhibit A. Copies of written responses received to date are attached as part of Exhibit B. Both written and oral responses are summarized on the Response Log attached as Exhibit C. The following is a summary of the only response (written or oral) received to date:
 - NYSDOT responded in a letter that it was not aware of any significant
 effect to the environment by the abandonment. However, it did advise
 that the site of the abandonment was within the boundaries of a
 proposed NYSDOT highway project and therefore, views the property
 as having significant future transportation use and requests being
 involved as the process evolves.

3. LAND USE

i) Applicant is unaware of any regional or local land use patterns with which the proposed abandonment would be inconsistent. Applicant served notice of the proposed abandonment upon the following agencies that may be concerned with land use issues: the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC), NYDEC (Region 6), NYDEC - Land and

Forests, NYDEC - Land and Forests (Region 6), NYDEC - Natural Heritage Program, United States EPA (Region 2), National Park Service (Northeast Region), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (New York State Office), USDA NRCS (Finger Lakes Team Office) and United States Department of Commerce, NOAA, N/NGS2 (Spatial Reference System Division). Copies of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit A. No responses have been received to date.

- any adverse effect on any prime agricultural land. Notice of the abandonment has been provided to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (New York State Office) and USDA NRCS (Finger Lakes Team Office, copies of which are attached as part of Exhibit A. No responses have been received to date.
- iii) Notice regarding the proposed abandonment was sent to the NYS

 Division of Coastal Resources, a copy of which is attached as part of Exhibit A. Copies of the written is attached as part of Exhibit B, and is summarized on the Response Log attached as Exhibit C. The following is a summary of the response received:
 - On 6/29/09, the Office of Coastal, Local Government and Community Sustainability responded in a letter that the abandonment does not require a federal permit, license or other form of authorization to proceed.
- iv) Applicant believes that the right of way may be suitable for highway or other public purposes. See the response from NYSDOT summarized in Section 2(i) above.

4. ENERGY

Since there has not been any traffic on the Subject Line in the last fifteen years,

i) The proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of energy resources.

- ii) The proposed abandonment will have no effect on recyclable commodities.
 - iii) There will be no effect on overall energy efficiency.
- iv) The proposed abandonment will not divert any traffic from rail to motor carriage. Thus, the effects of the proposed abandonment will not exceed the thresholds set forth in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(4)(iv).

5. AIR

Since there has not been any traffic on the Subject Line in the last fifteen years, the proposed abandonment will not result in any increases in rail traffic or rail yard activity. The effects of the proposed abandonment will not exceed the thresholds set forth in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(4)(v).

6. NOISE

Applicant does not believe that the proposed abandonment will result in any increase in noise levels.

7. SAFETY

Applicant does not believe that the proposed abandonment will have any adverse effect on public health or safety.

8. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

i) Applicant has given notice of the proposed abandonment to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Northeast Regional office), as well as to the following agencies that are concerned with biological resources: NYSDEC – Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources, NYSDEC – Bureau of Wildlife (Region 6), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (New York field office), NYSDEC – Natural Heritage Program and U.S. EPA (Region 2). Copies of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit A. Copies of written responses received to date are attached as part of Exhibit B. Both

written and oral responses are summarized on the Response Log attached as Exhibit C. The following is a summary of the only responses (written or oral) received to date:

- NYDEC (Region 6) e-mailed that there were no issues with wildlife or natural resources in the area of the abandonment. Due to concern regarding the proximity of the site to the former Bossert Hazardous Waste site, the consultation letter was forwarded to the Albany office. A subsequent response confirmed that the site would not be affected, and that there are no environmental issues with the abandonment.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (New York field office) wrote and advised to consult their website for any potential endangered species.
 A search was performed for Oneida county and produced two species of animals. However, as the proposed abandonment site is in an urban area, no impact is foreseen.
- ii) Applicant does not believe that there are any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests in the vicinity of the proposed abandonment. Notices of the proposed abandonment were sent to the following agencies: NYSDEC Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources, NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife (Region 6), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (New York field office), NYSDEC Natural Heritage Program. U.S. EPA (Region 2), NYSDEC (State office), NYSDEC (Region 6), NYSDEC Land and Forests, NYSDEC Land and Forests (Region 6), National Park Service (Northeast Region), USDA-NRCS (New York state office) and USDA-NRCS (Finger Lakes Team office). Copies of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit A. Copies of the written responses received are attached as part of Exhibit B. Responses received orally are summarized on the Response Log attached as Exhibit C. Responses were not received from all agencies that received notices. See Section 8(i) above for summaries of the responses received from the listed agencies.

9. WATER

i) The proposed salvage after the line has been approved for abandonment will be handled in a manner that is consistent with the applicable local, State and

Federal water quality standards. See Sections 3(i) and 8(i) above for a list of other agencies notified by Applicant.

- ii) Applicant sent a notice of the proposed abandonment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (New York District), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (North Atlantic division) and NYS Department of State Division of Coastal Resources. A copy of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit A. Copies of written responses received to date are attached as part of Exhibit B. Both written and oral responses are summarized on the Response Log attached as Exhibit C. The following is a summary of the only response (written or oral) received to date:
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10. PROPOSED MITIGATION

Since no adverse environmental impacts are expected, no mitigation is proposed.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR RAIL CONSTRUCTION Not applicable.

12. CONSULTATION

As shown by the copies of letters attached as Exhibit A, Applicant has consulted with the following agencies: Office of the Governor of New York, NYSDOT, NYSDOT (Region 6),

NYSDEC (State office), NYSDEC (Region 6), NYSDEC – Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources,
NYSDEC – Bureau of Wildlife (Region 6), NYSDEC – Land and Forests, NYSDEC – Land and
Forests (Region 6), NYSDEC Natural Heritage Program, NYSDEC – Division of Coastal Resources,
Oneida County Planning Department, EPA (Region 2), U.S. Fish and Wildlife (Northeast Region),
U.S. Fish and Wildlife (New York field office), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (North Atlantic
division), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (New York district), National Park Service (Northeast
Region), USDA NRCS (New York state office), USDA NRCS (Finger Lakes team office) and
NOAA, N/NGS1 National Geodetic Survey. Written responses are attached as Exhibit B, and all
responses (no oral responses were received) are summarized in the Response Log attached as Exhibit
C.

13. CERTIFICATIONS

Applicant certifies that:

- i) It consulted with the agencies listed in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7, as described in Section 12 above.
- ii) On this date, it sent copies of this report to each of the agencies consulted.
- iii) Notice of the proposed abandonment was be published in <u>The Utica</u>

 Observer-Dispatch on July 21, 2009. A copy of the form of notice is attached as Exhibit D.

 Proof of publication from <u>The Utica Observer-Dispatch</u> will be submitted upon receipt.
- iv) Applicant will not file its verified notice of abandonment until at least twenty (20) days after the agencies have been served with a copy of this report.

HISTORIC REPORT

(49 CFR 1105.8)

1. U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

A U.S.G.S. topographic map showing the location of the proposed abandonment is attached as Exhibit E. There are no bridges, culverts or other structures on the line, and therefore a milepost listing of the historic structures along the proposed abandonment is no applicable.

2. DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY

The line to be abandoned extends from milepost 284.80, at or near Oswego Street in Utica, New York to Milepost 285.22 at or near Warren Street in Utica, New York ("Subject Line"). The surrounding area is predominantly urban consisting of mixed residential/industrial/commercial.

3. PHOTOGRAPHS OF HISTORIC STRUCTURE(S)

There are no bridges, culverts or other structures on the line.

4. DATES OF CONSTRUCTION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURE(S)

Not applicable.

5. HISTORY OF CARRIER OPERATIONS IN THE AREA

The Fay Street Branch is a remnant of the New York, Ontario & Western ("NYO&W") Utica branch. When NYO&W was liquidated in 1957, it was acquired by Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. The line later passed to Erie Lackawanna, and then to Conrail. Applicant acquired the branch, together with other lines, in 1982 from Conrail. There have been no operations on the branch in the past fifteen years.

6. SUMMARY OF STRUCTURE DOCUMENTATION

Not applicable.

7. OPINION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR LISTING

Although there are no structures on the line, Applicant has given notice of the

proposed abandonment to the New York State Historical Preservation Office. No response has been

received. The salvage work that Applicant proposes will be surface work only and will not disturb

subsurface resources.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Applicant is unaware of any prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, or

environmental conditions which might affect the archeological recovery of resources or the

surrounding terrain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 24, 2009

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of July, 2009, I served a copy of the foregoing

Environmental/Historic Report on the persons listed below by first class mail, postage prepaid.

Office of the Governor State of New York State Capitol Albany, NY 12224

NYS Department of Transportation 50 Wolf Road Albany, NY 12232

Michael A. Shamma, Regional Director NYS Department of Transportation Region 6 Utica State Office Building 207 Genesee Street Utica, NY 13501

Jack McKeon, Deputy Commissioner Office of Administration New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, New York 12233-0001

Judy Drabicki, Region 6 Director NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation 317 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-4750 John R. Kent, Commissioner
Oneida County Planning
Department
Boehlert Center at Union Station
321 Main Street
Utica, NY 13501-1229
US EPA Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007-1866

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Northeast Regional Office 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035-9589

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service New York Field Office 3817 Luker Road Cortland, NY 13045

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division 302 General Lee Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11252

Civil Works Office U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District 26 Federal Plaza New York, NY 10278-0090 NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Region 6 Bureau of Wildlife 317 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation Lands and Forests 625 Broadway, 5th Floor Albany, NY 12233

NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation Lands and Forests, Region 6 317 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation NY Natural Heritage Program 625 Broadway, 5th Floor Albany, NY 12233-4757

Office of Coastal, Local Government and Community Sustainability NY Department of State One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12231-0001 Regional Director, National Park Service Northeast Region U.S. Custom House 200 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19106

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service New York State Office Ron Alvardo, State Conservationist 441 E. Salina Street, Room 520 Syracuse, NY 13202-2450

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service Finger Lakes Team Office Bruce Hopkins, Area Conservationist 9025 River Road Marcy, NY 13401-2301

Mr. Ronnie Taylor NOAA, N/NGS1 National Geodetic Survey SSMC-3, #9202 1313 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282

New York State Historic Preservation Office Peebles Island Resource Center P.O. Box 189 Waterford, NY 12188-0189

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EXHIBIT A



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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Jack McKeon, Deputy Commissioner Office of Administration NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-0001

June 19, 2009

Re:

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation – Fay Street

Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, NY STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub. No. 6X)

Dear Mr. McKeon:

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NYS&W plans to seek Surface Transportation Board ("STB") authorization for its abandonment through a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50 on or about August 3, 2009 in STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub-No. 6X).

Based upon information in our possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights of way. NYS&W plans to remove and sell the track and believes that the right of way could be used for highway other public purposes. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

There are no open agency stations, and no local service has been provided on this branch in over ten years. NYS&W does not believe that there are any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. NYS&W believes that the abandonment will not have a significant effect upon the environment. NYS&W intends to salvage the track materials such as rails and ties, but anticipates that the roadbed will be left intact. There are no bridges. culverts or other structures on the line. It and/or its salvage contractor will comply will all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to the environment in conducting any salvage of the line.

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Jack McKeon, Deputy Commissioner Page 2

We would appreciate an expression from you by July 20, 2009 that, within the area of your authority, you do not perceive that the abandonment will have a significant effect upon the environment. If you have any questions about the railroad's proposal or if you need assistance in this matter, please call me at (215) 640-8500.

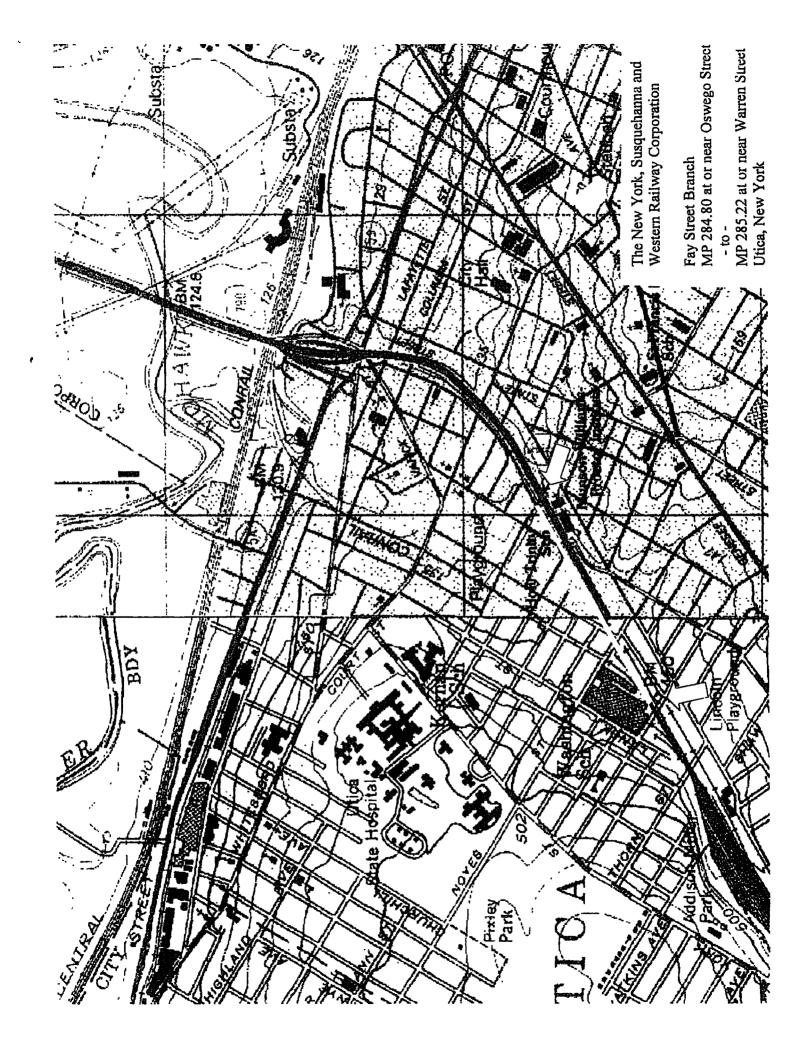
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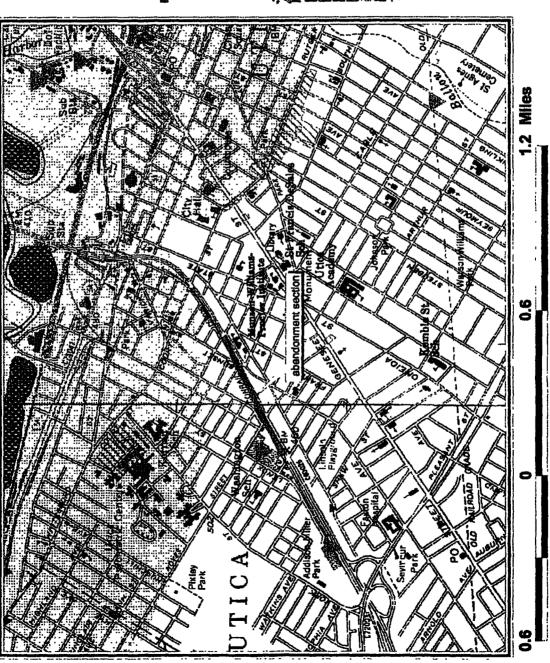
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Enclosures (Maps)

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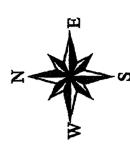
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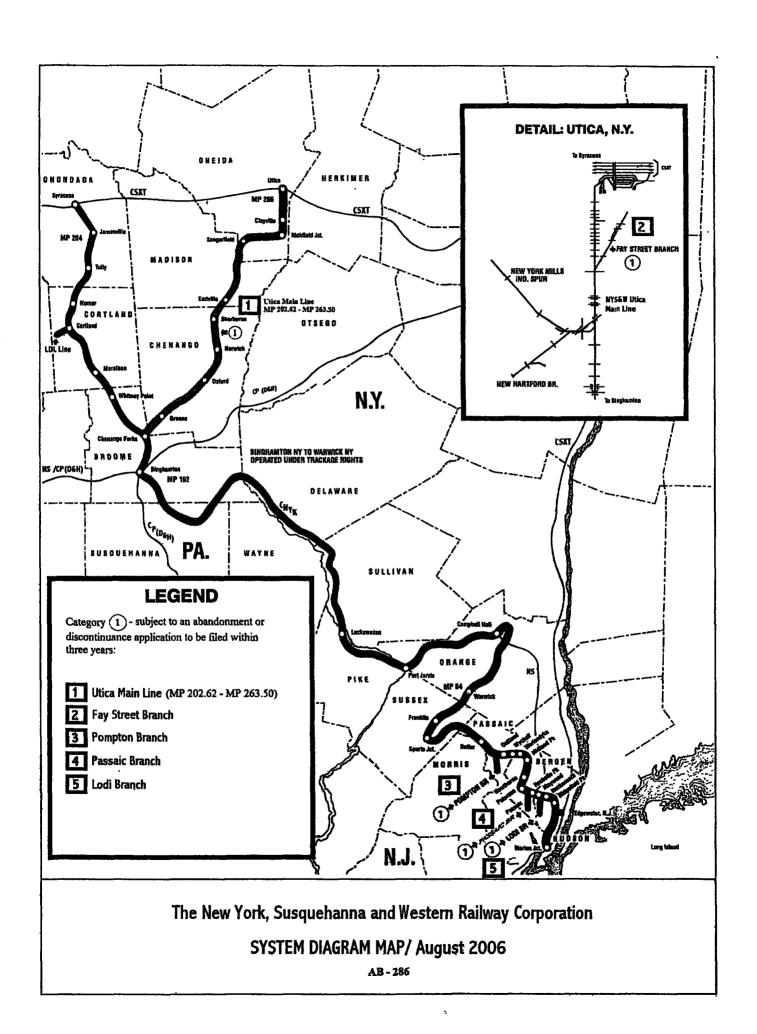
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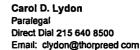
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 NYS Regulatory Freshwater Wetland Inconsistent Water Class Points
 - Class 1
 - Class 3 Class 2
 - Class 4

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Ron Alvardo, State Conservationist
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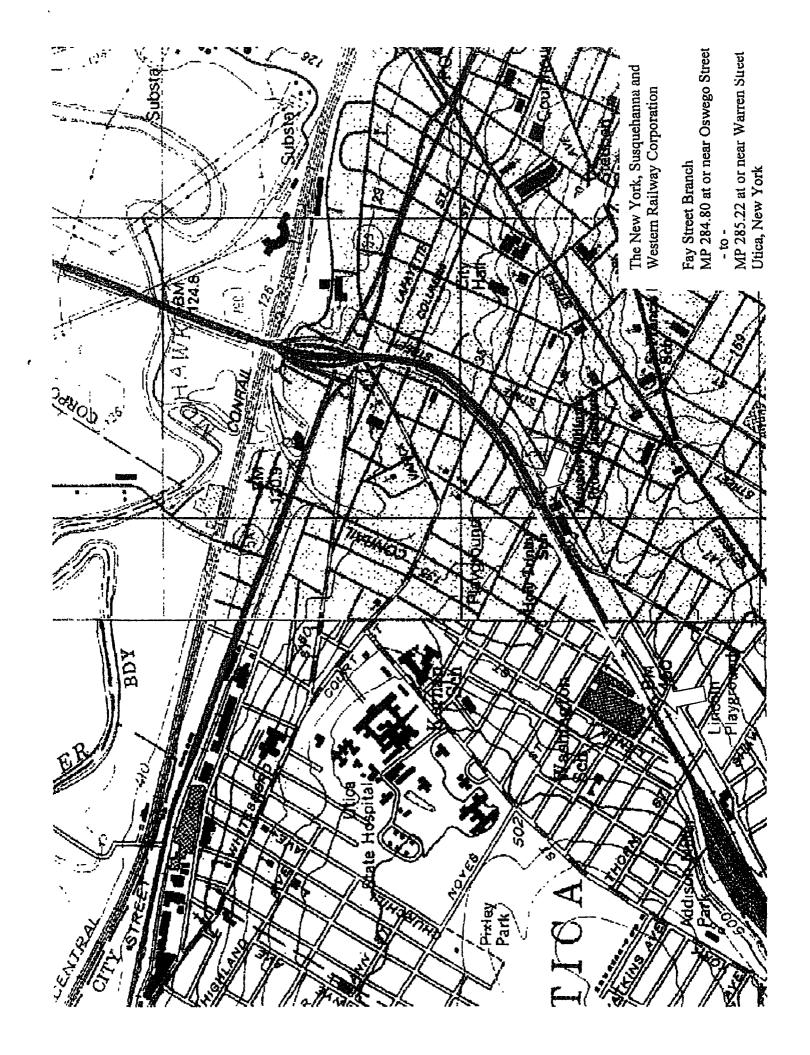
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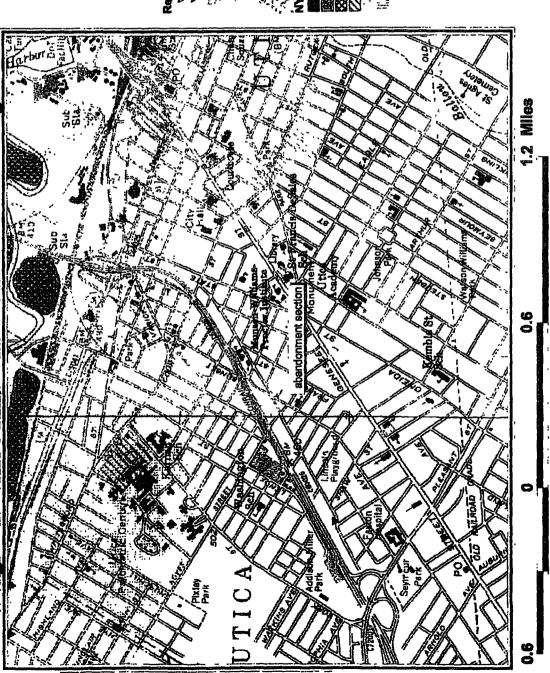
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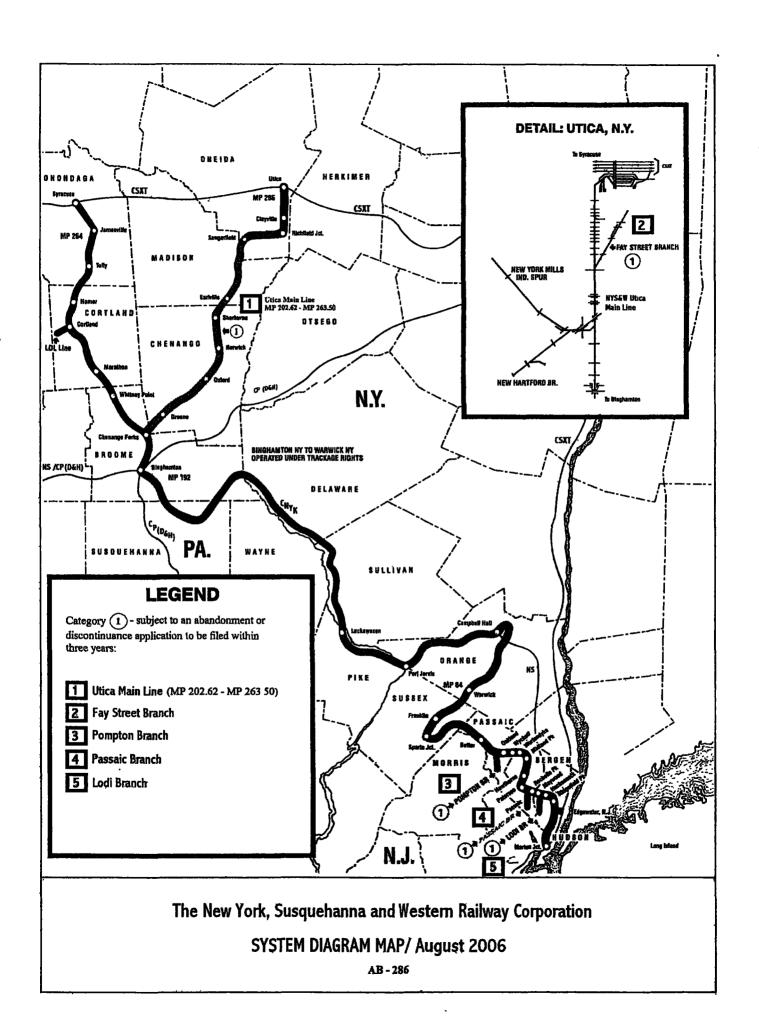
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June 7, 2007

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RE: Proposed Abandonment

NYS&W Fay Street Branch City of Utica, New York

Dear Mr. Alvarado:

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation ("NYS&W") plans to file a Notice of Exemption allowing abandonment of rail service on the above-referenced line pursuant to the regulations of the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") set forth at 49 C.F.R. 1152.50. In that regard and in order to assist the STB in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act, we are seeking your input on the matters set forth below.

The proposed abandonment will likely result in the removal of track materials such as rails and ties. It is anticipated that the roadbed, bridges and culverts will be left intact. No placement of dredge or fill materials is anticipated to result from abandonment and/or salvage operations. NYS&W and/or its salvage contractor will obtain all applicable permits prior to any salvage questions.

As part of the environmental report, NYS&W is required to consult with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in regard to the effect of the abandonment on any prime agricultural land. Accordingly, we are contacting you to seek your input in that regard.

For your reference, I have enclosed a map of the above-referenced railroad line. Please provide this information as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 607-547-2555, Ext. 236 or at nfenno@nysw.com.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Nathan R. Fenno

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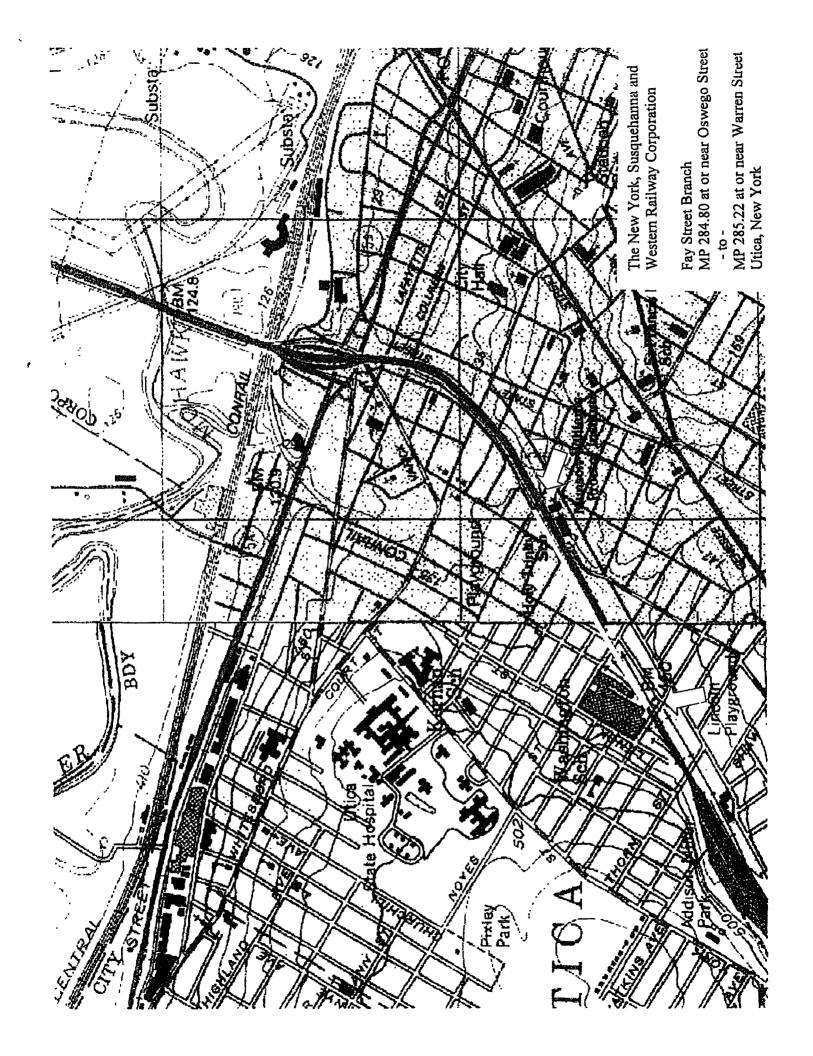
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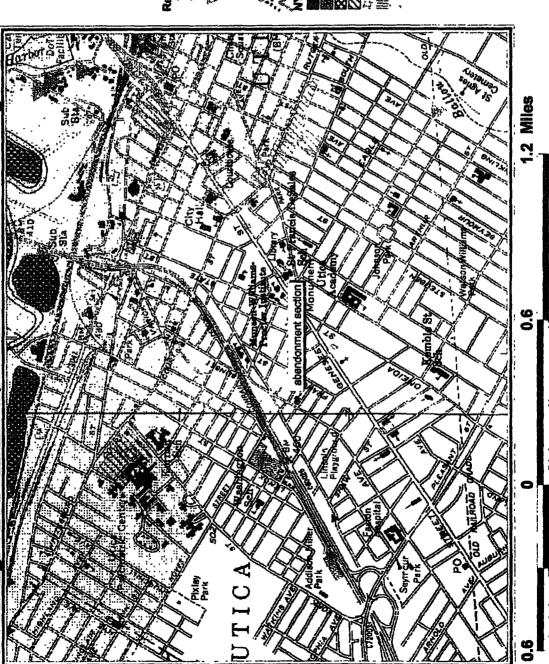
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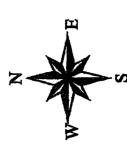


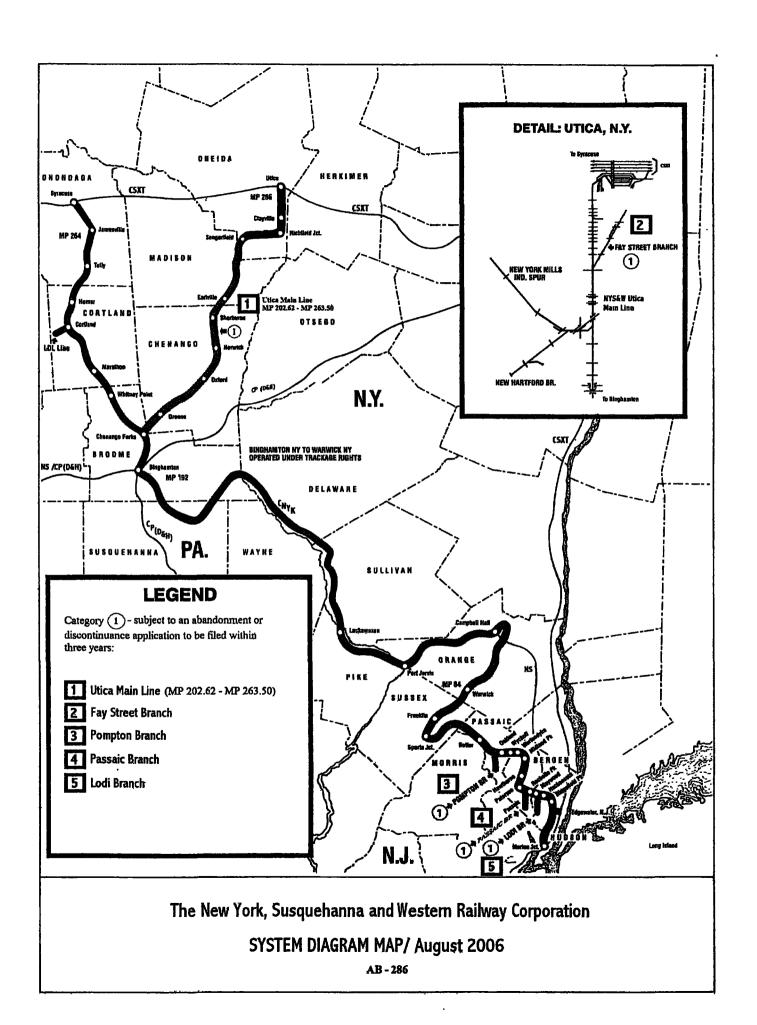
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RE: Proposed Abandonment

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City of Utica, Oneida County, New York

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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Civil Works Office U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District 26 Federal Plaza New York, NY 10278-0090 June 19, 2009

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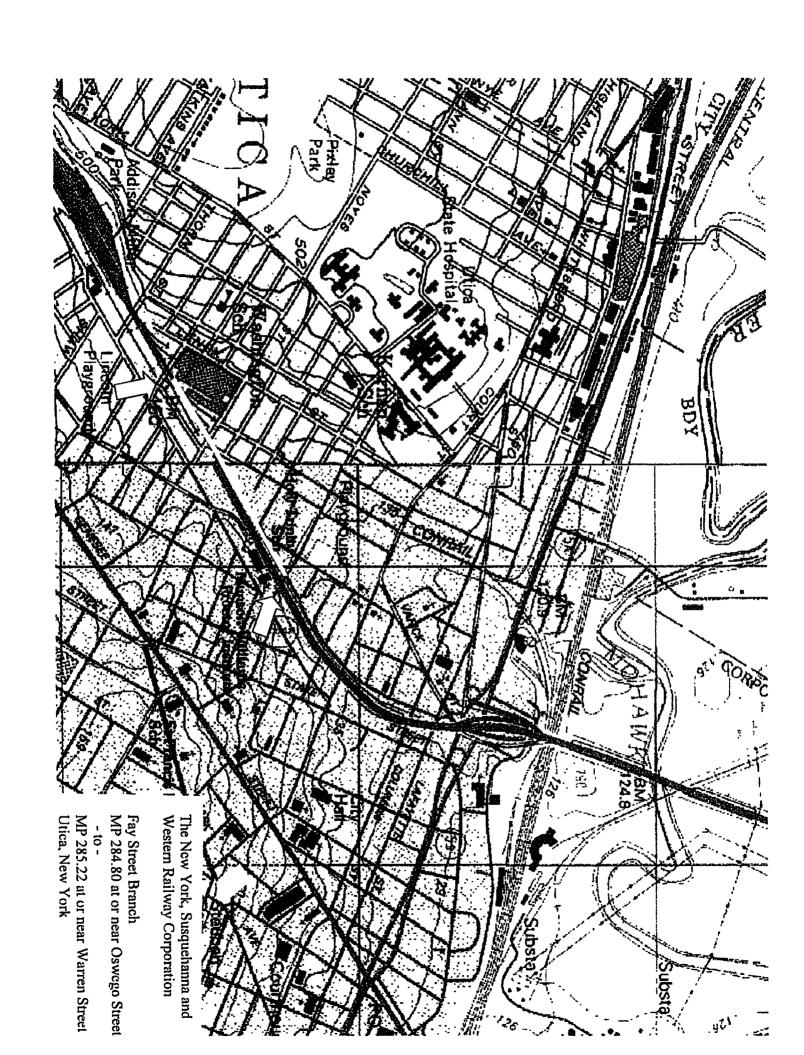
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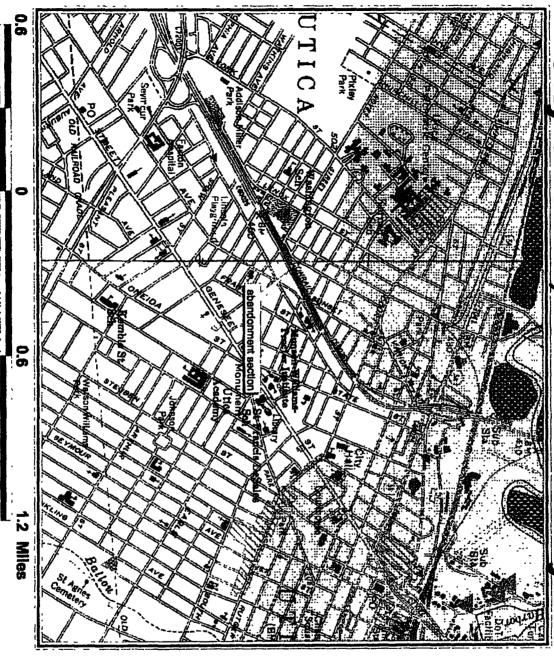
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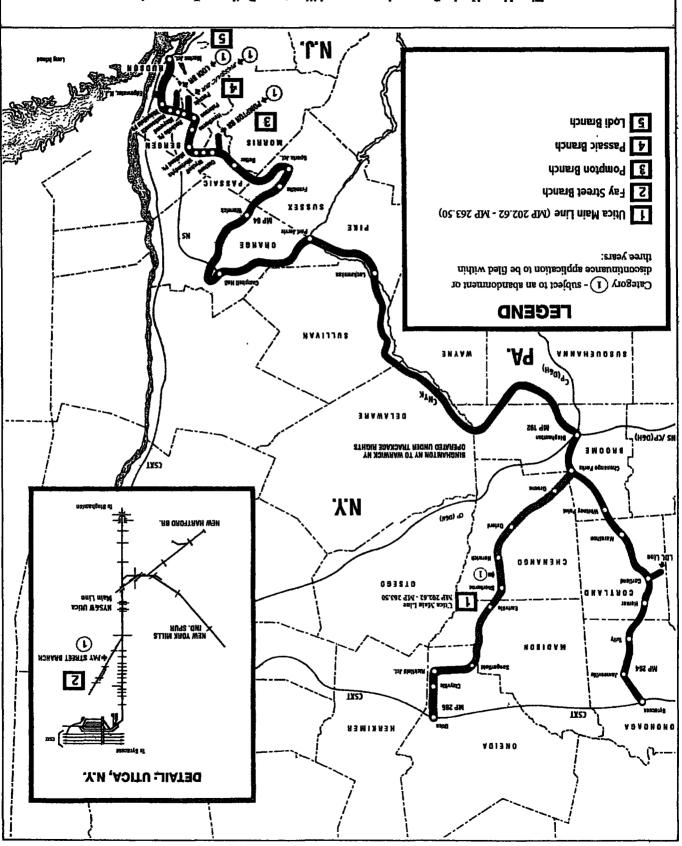
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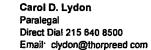
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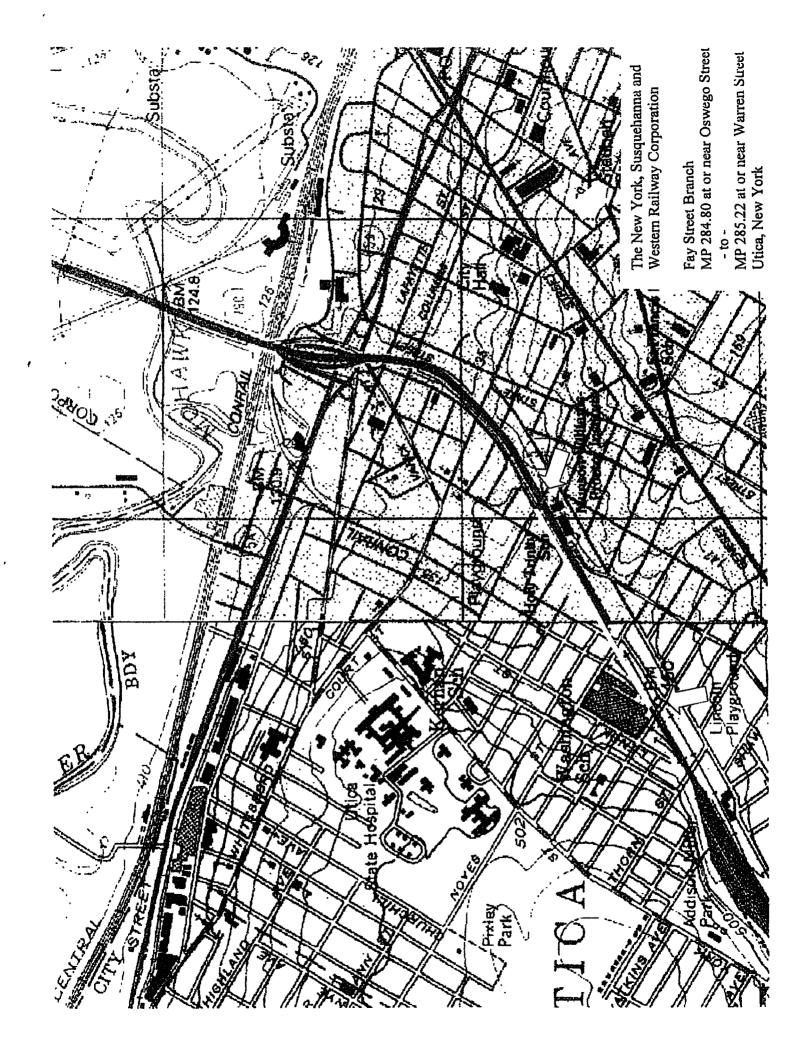
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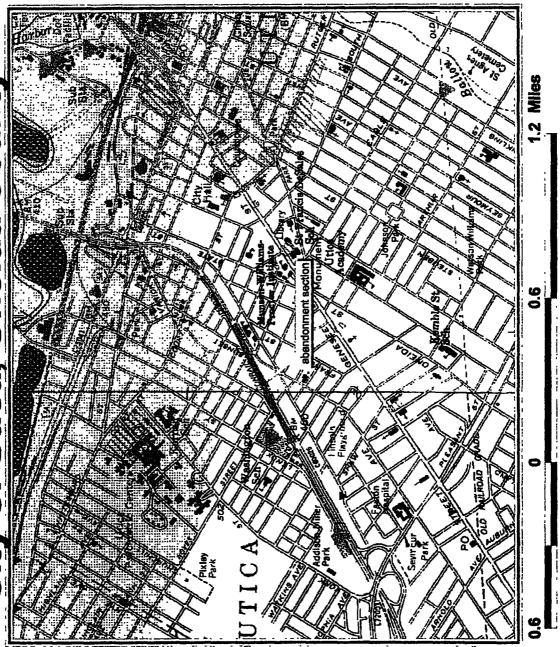
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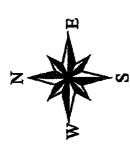
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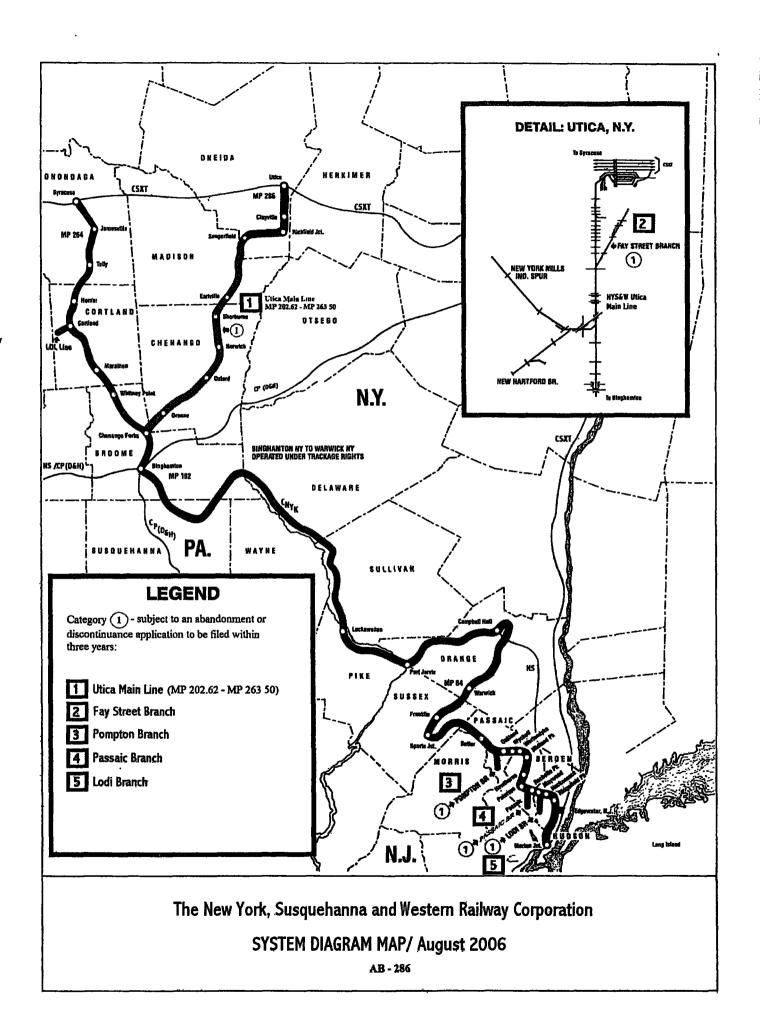
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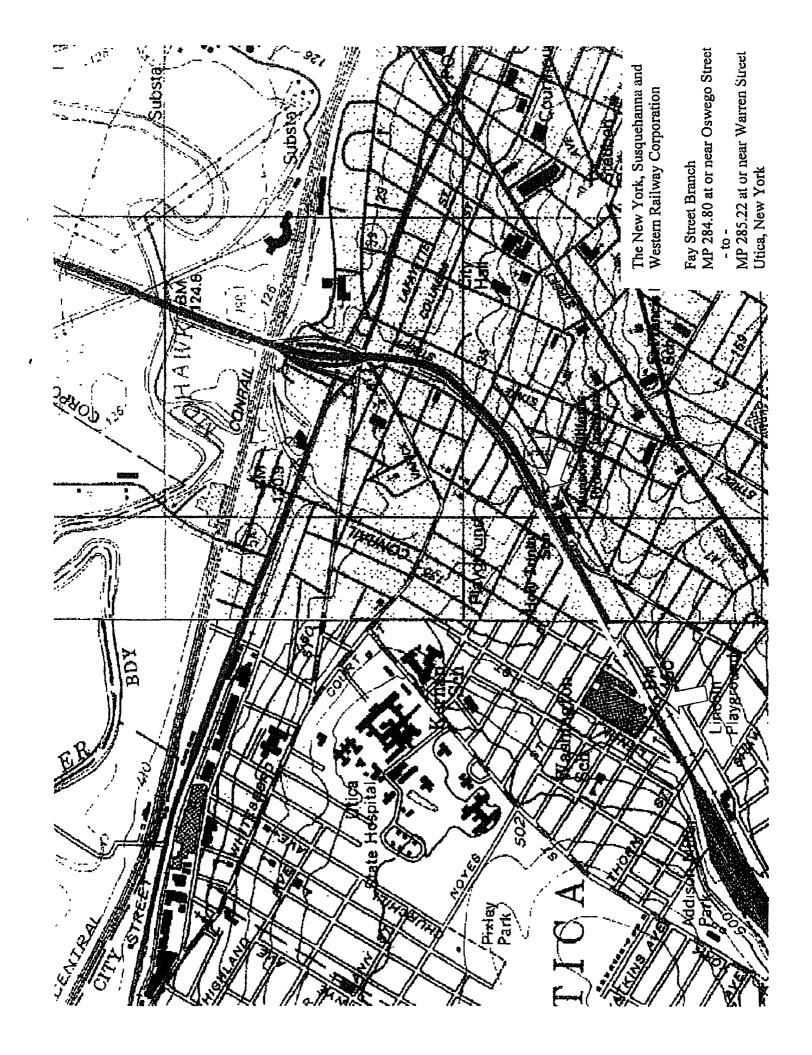
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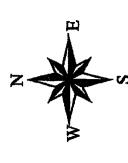


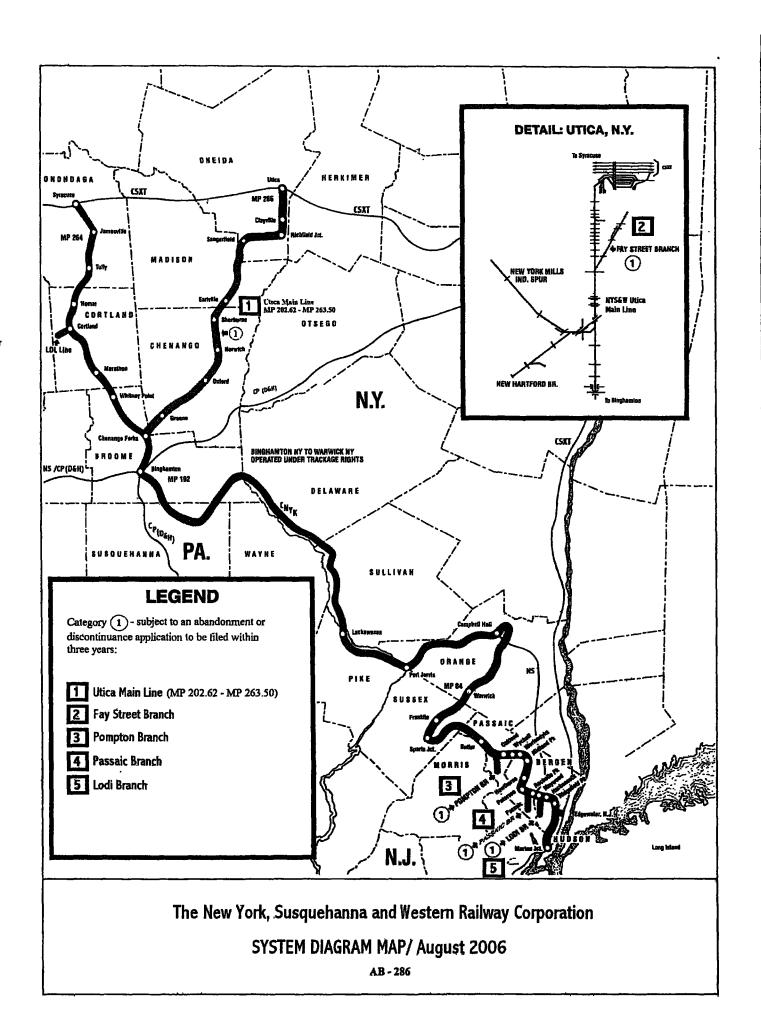


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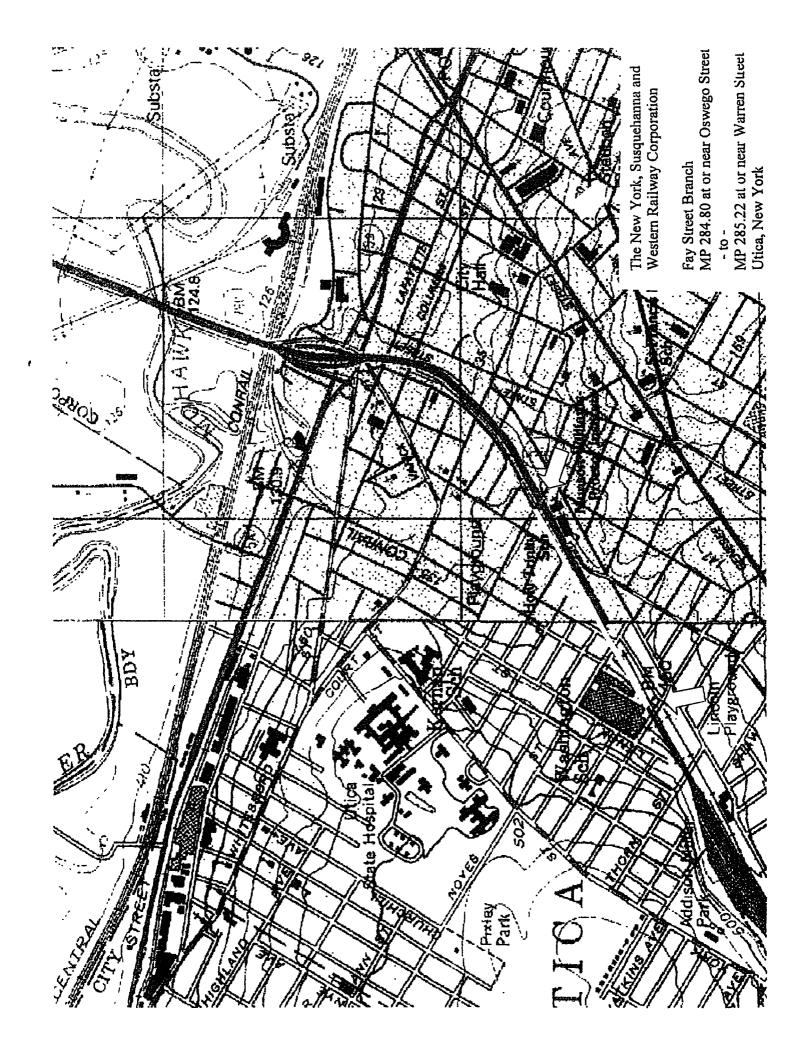
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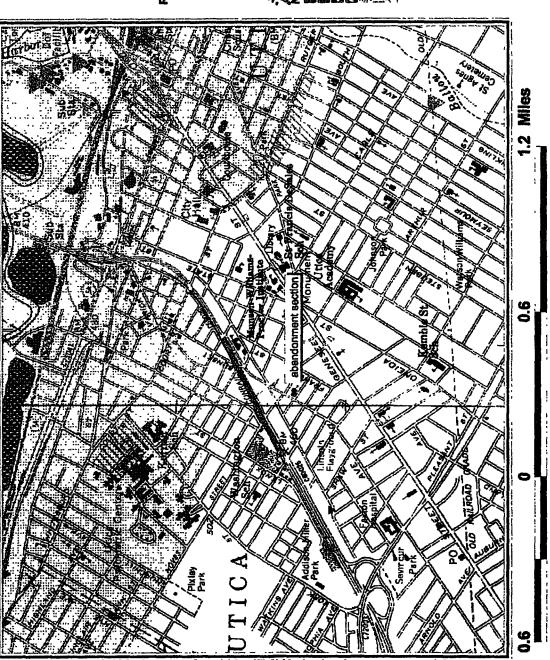
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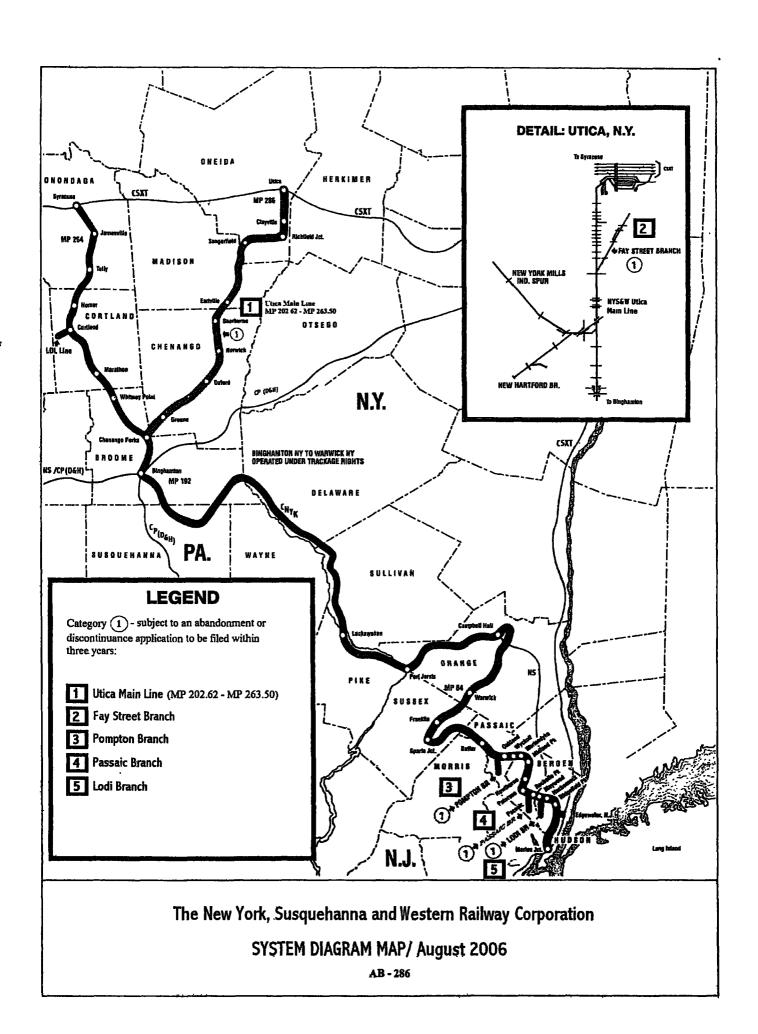
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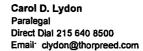
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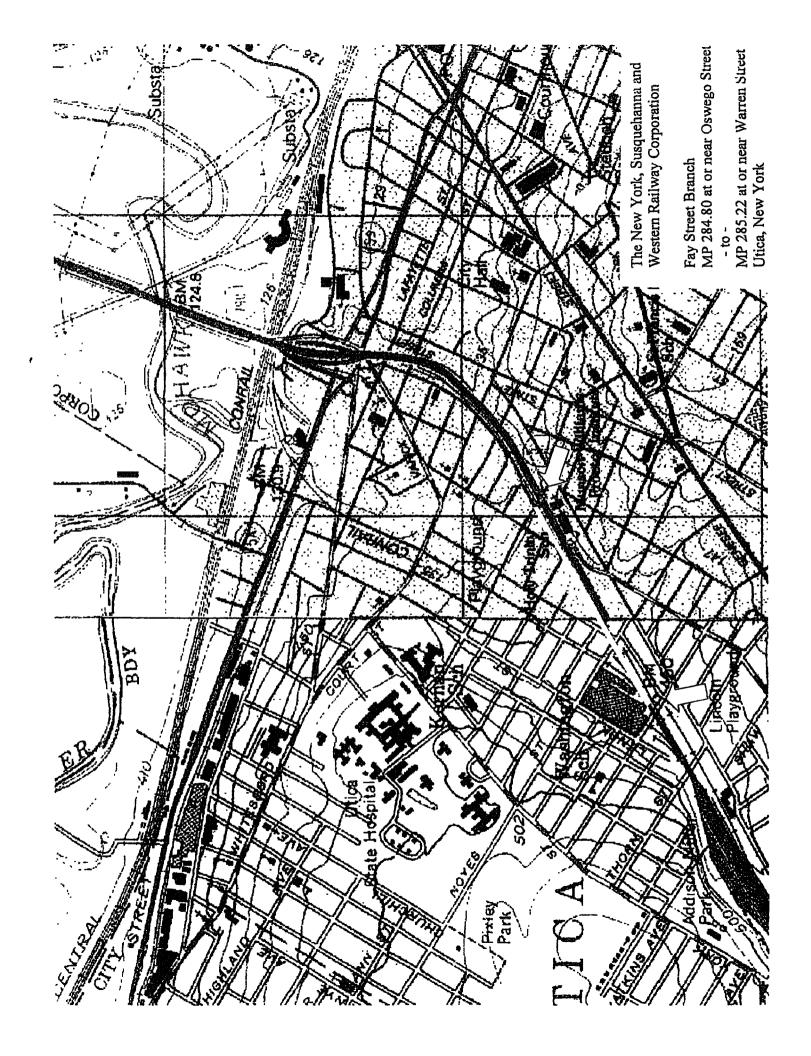
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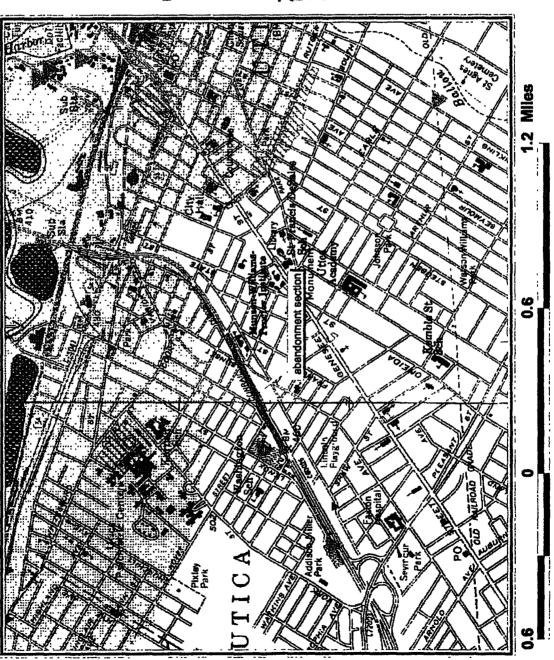
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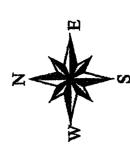
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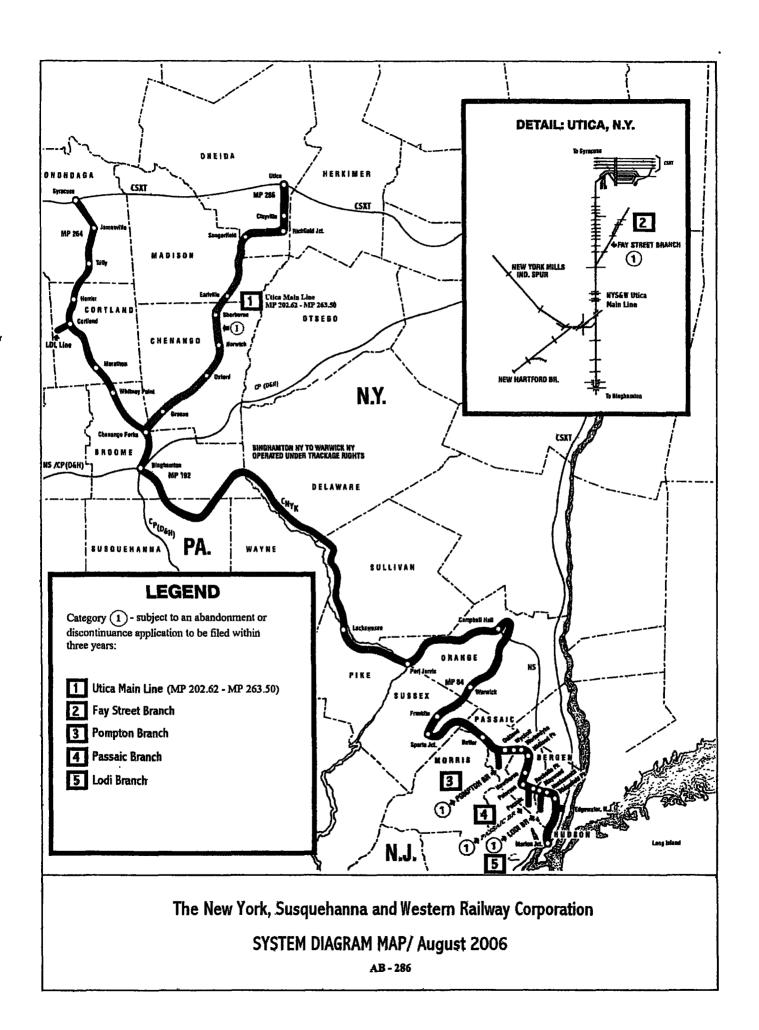
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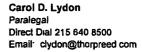
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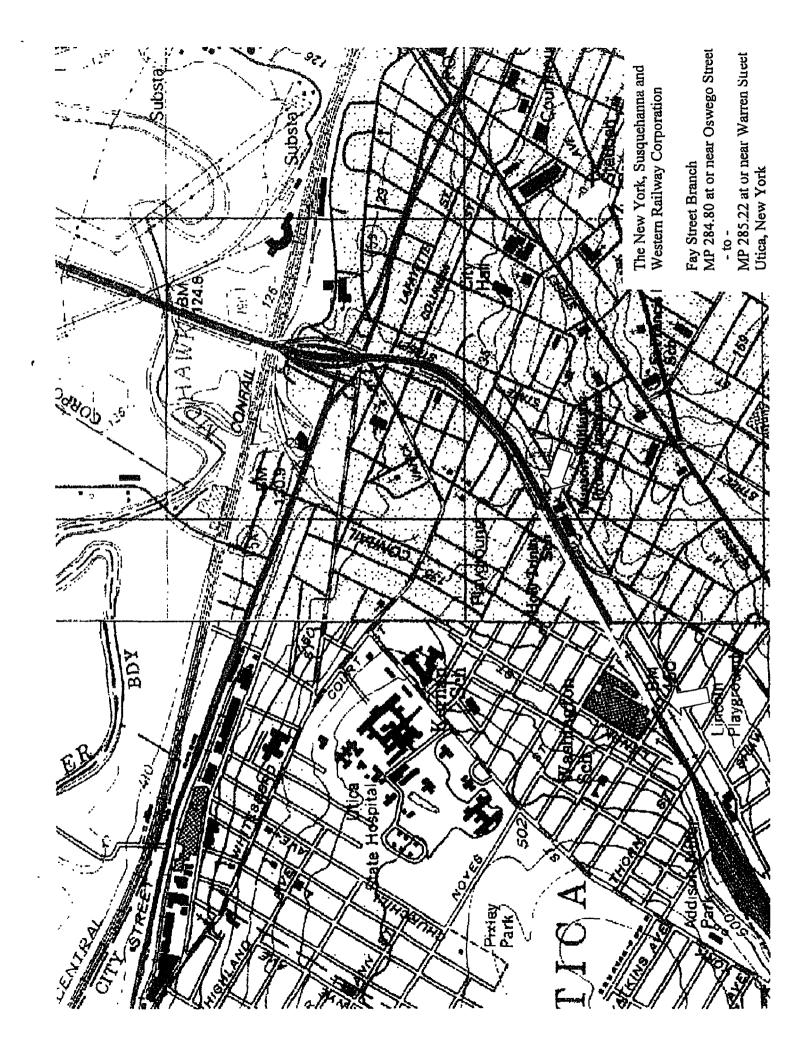
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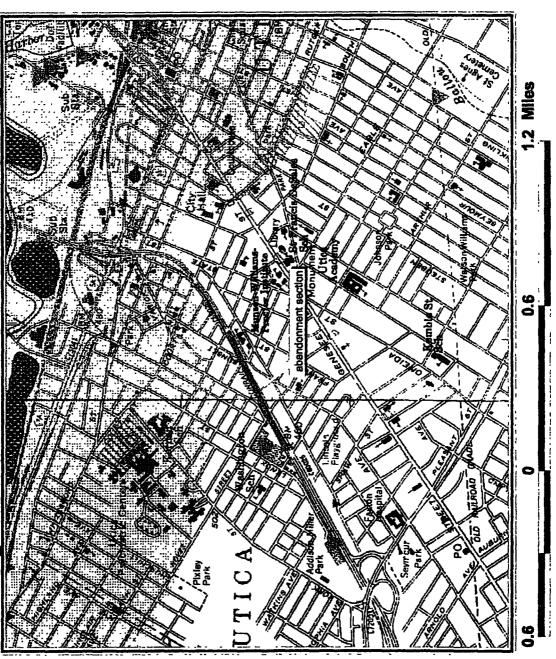
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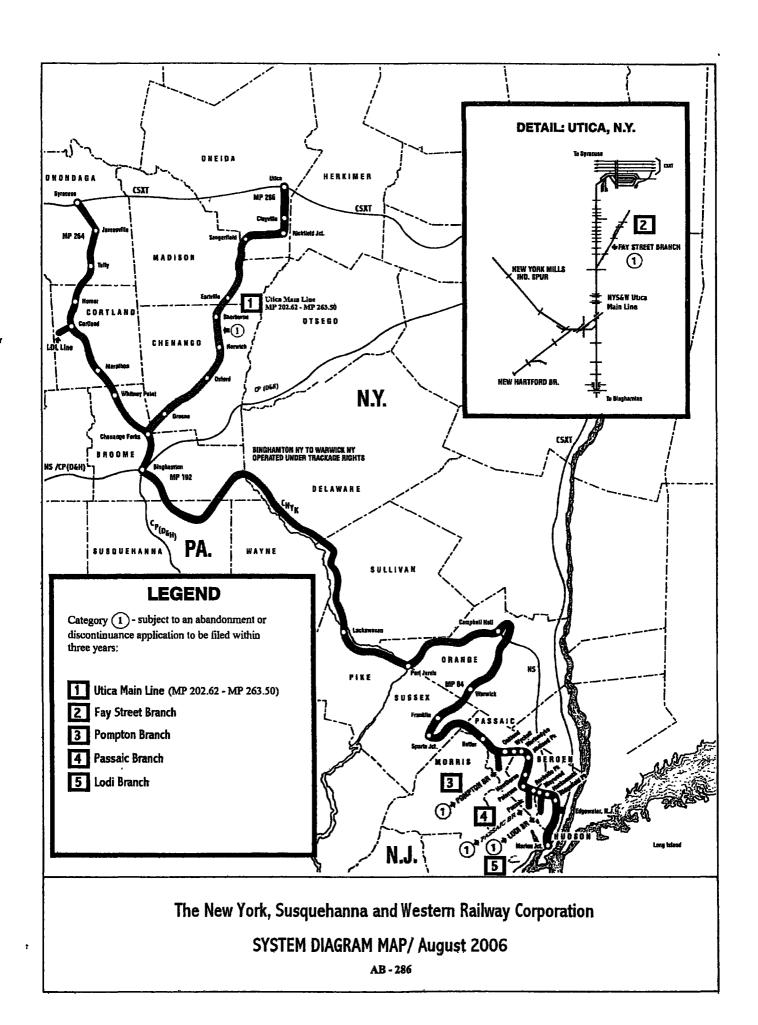


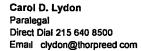
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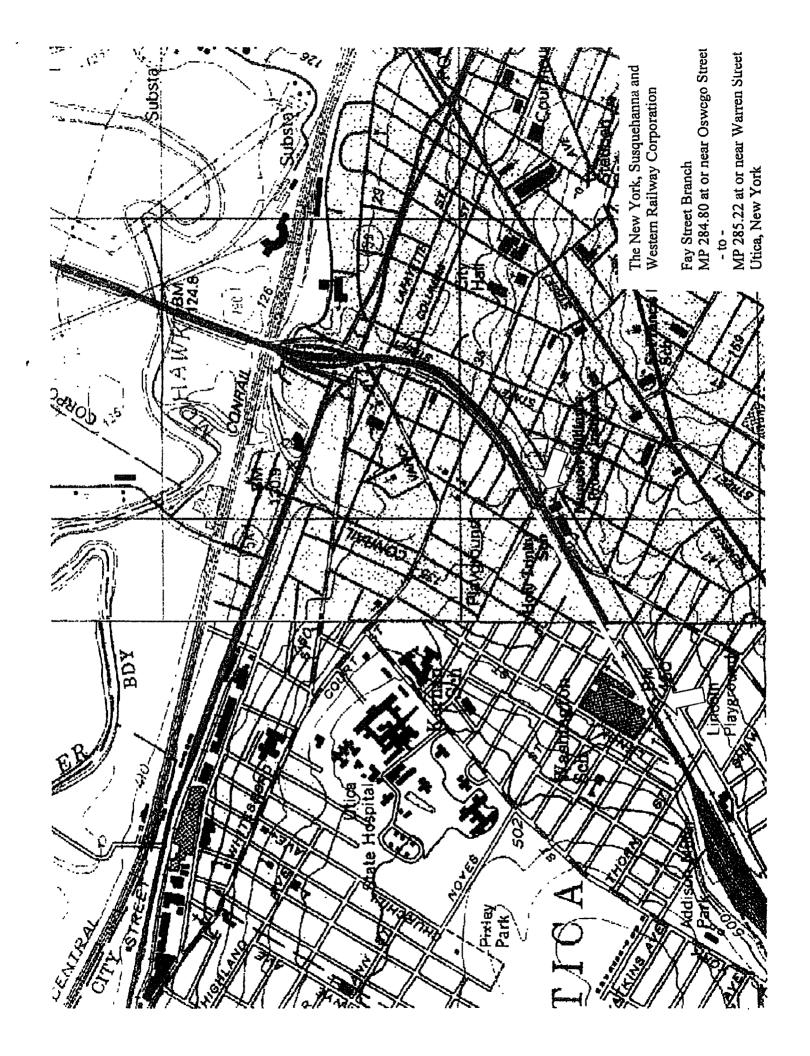
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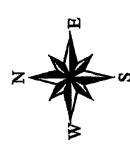


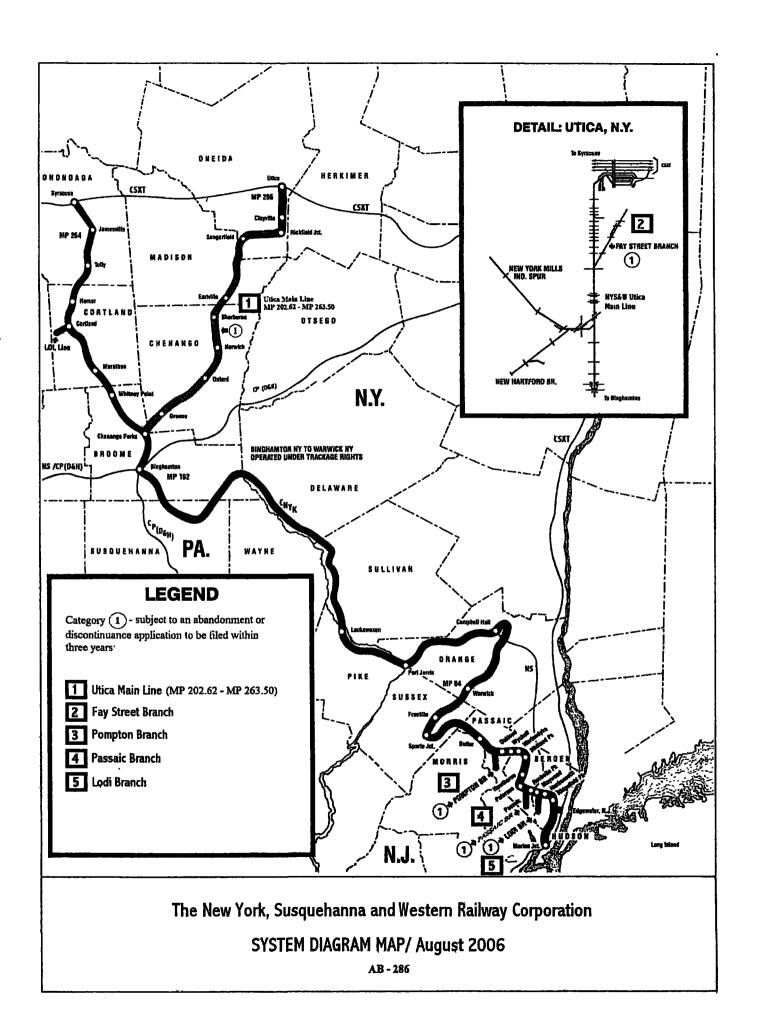
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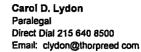
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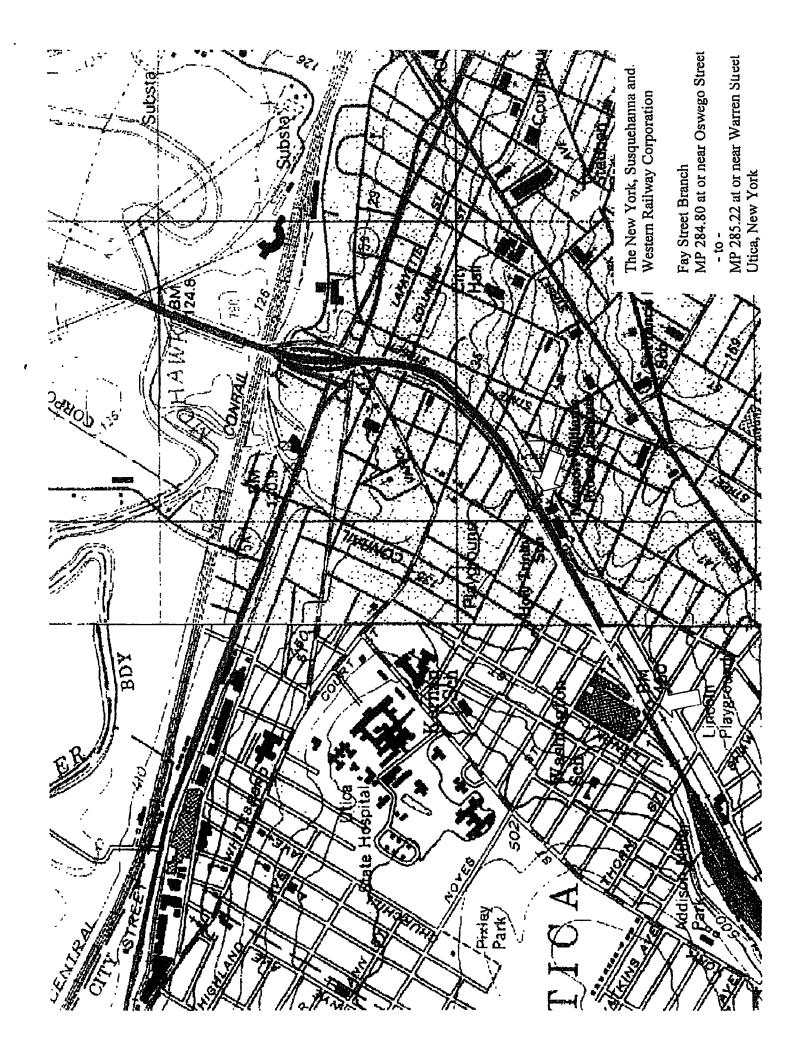
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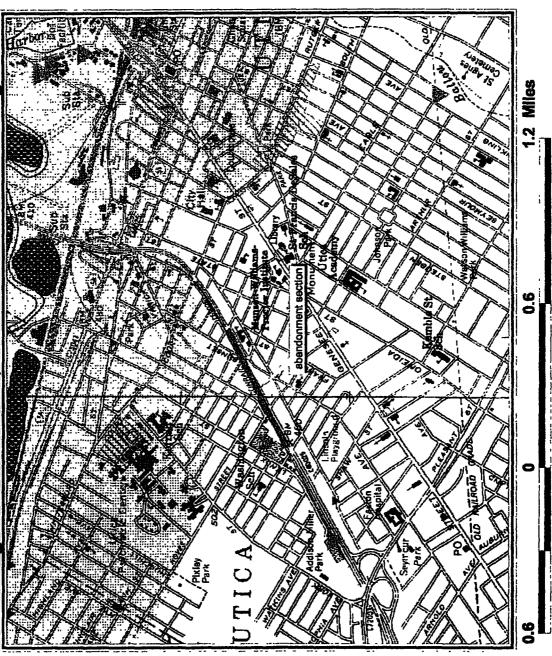
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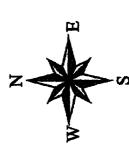
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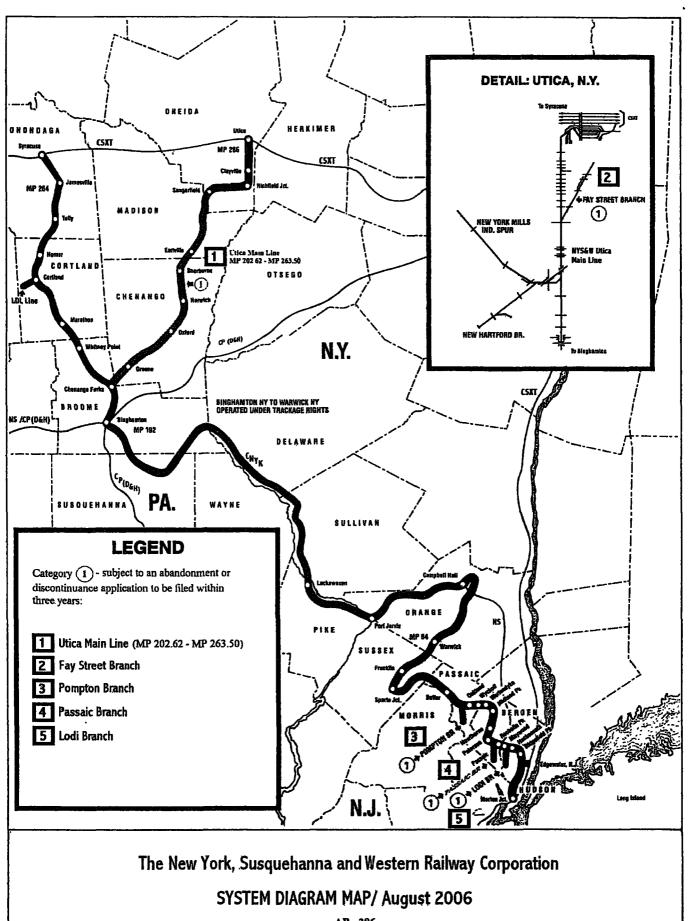
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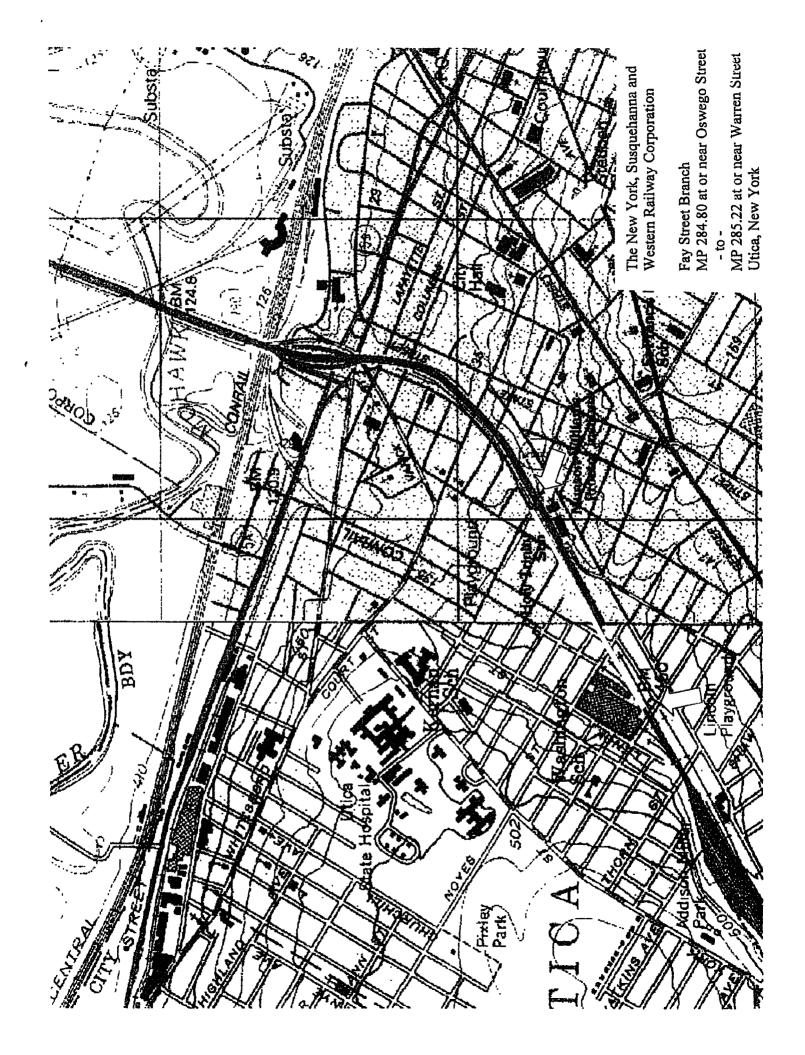
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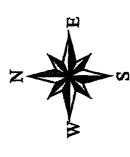
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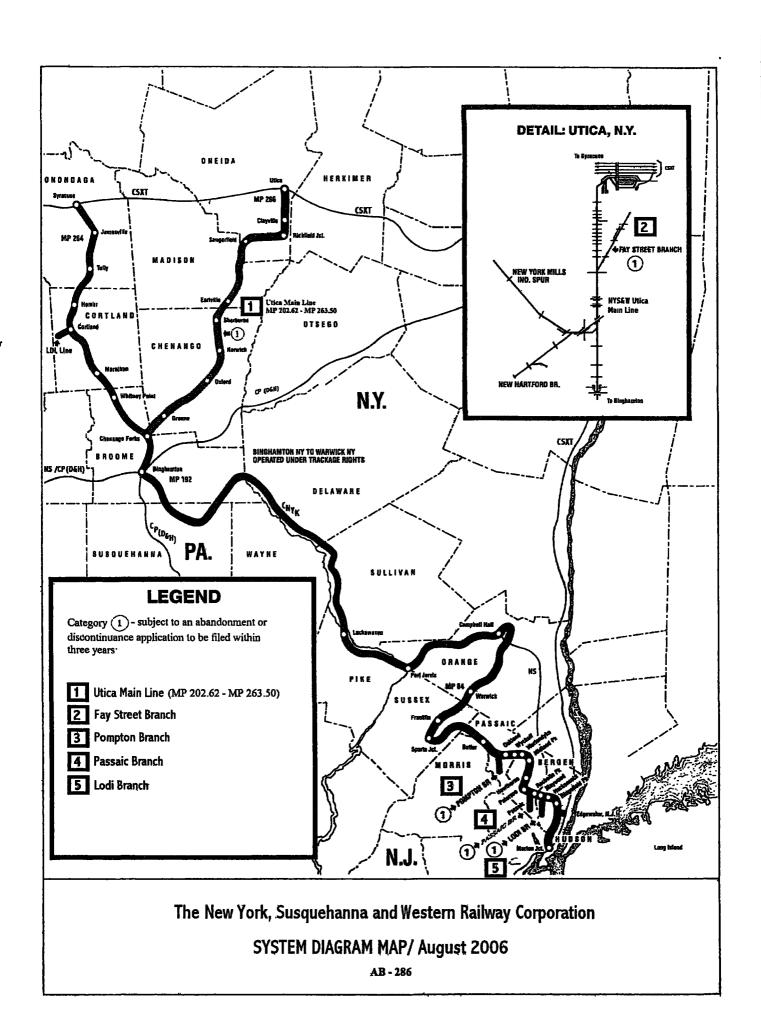
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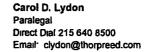
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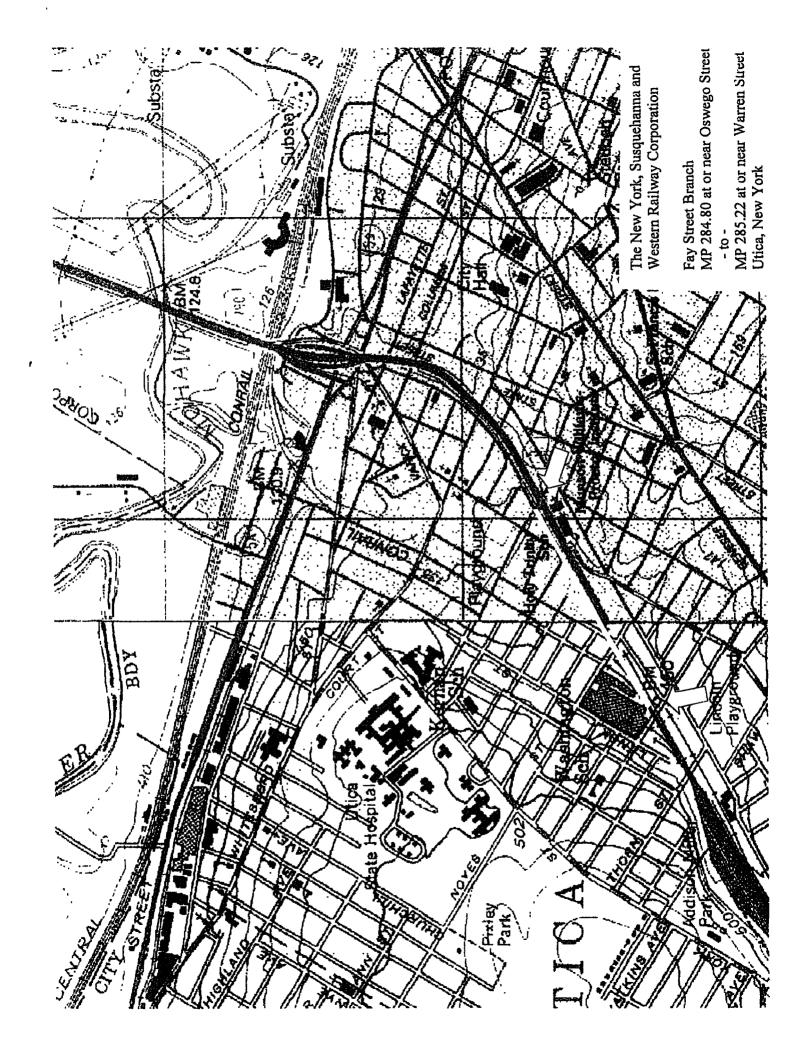
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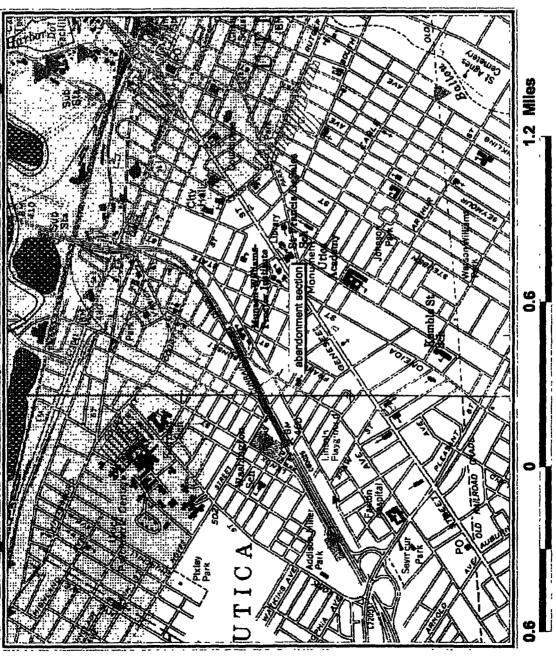
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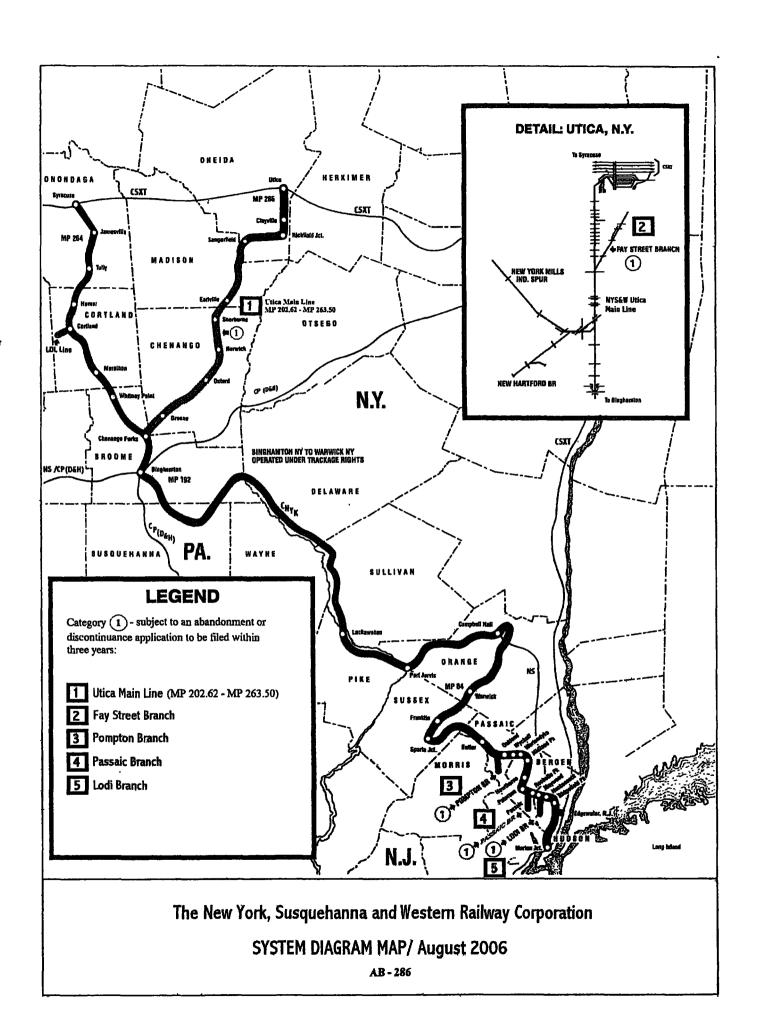
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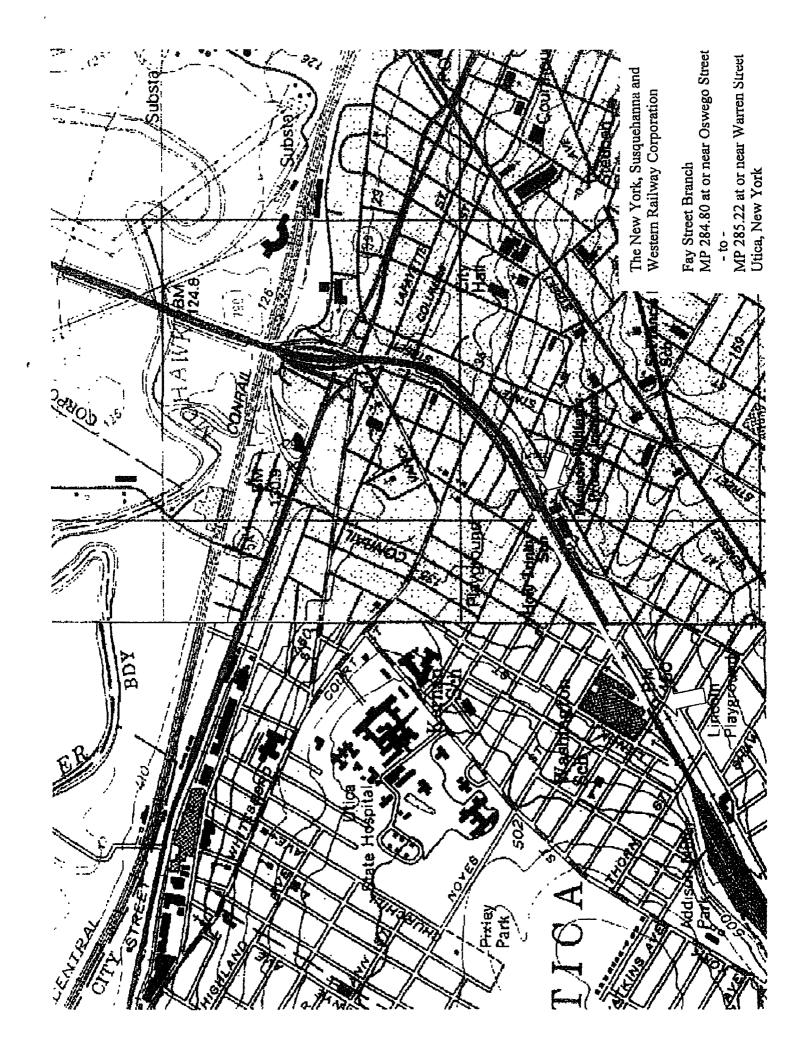
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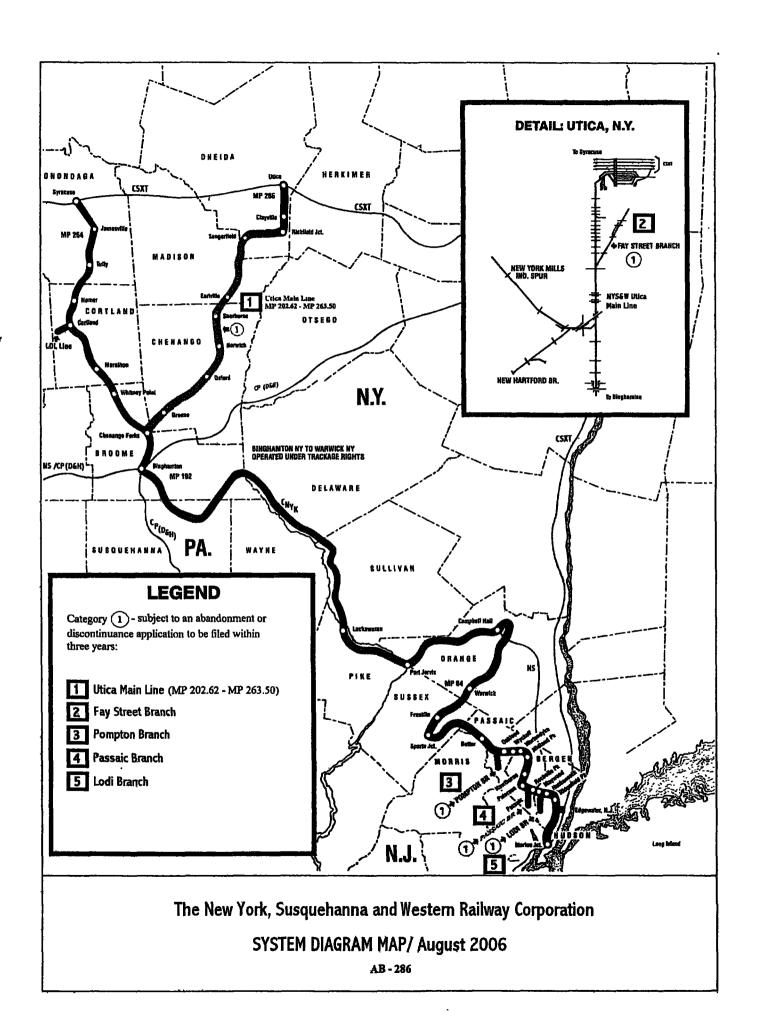
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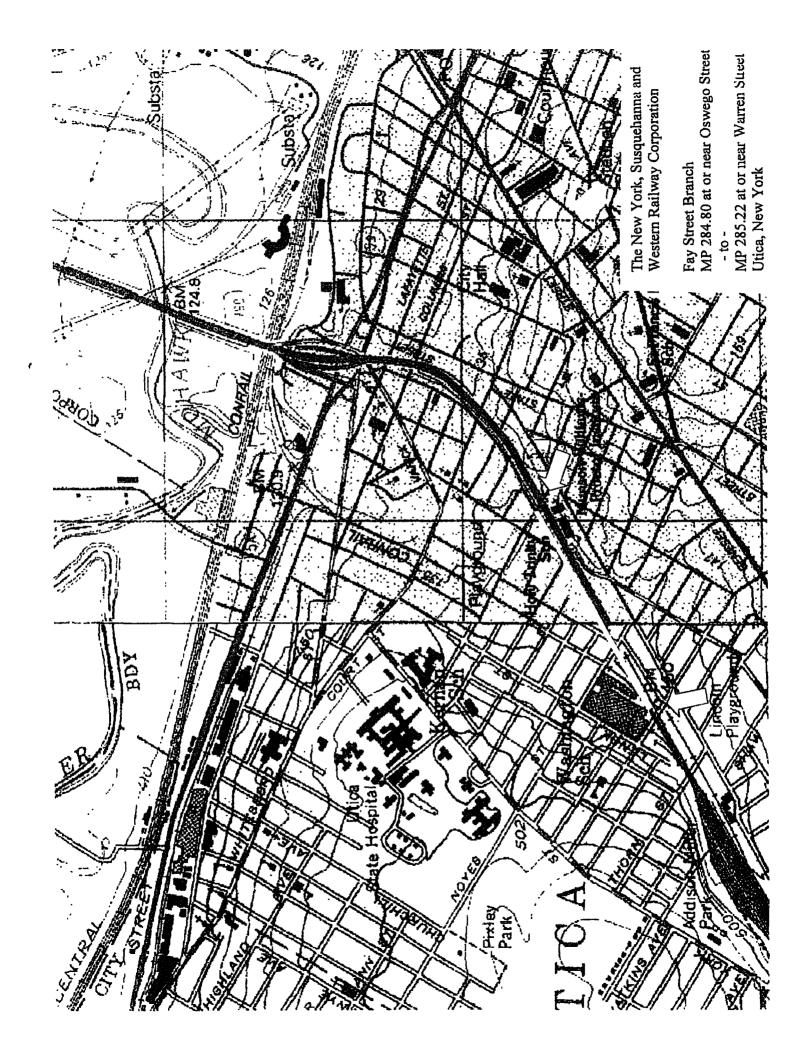
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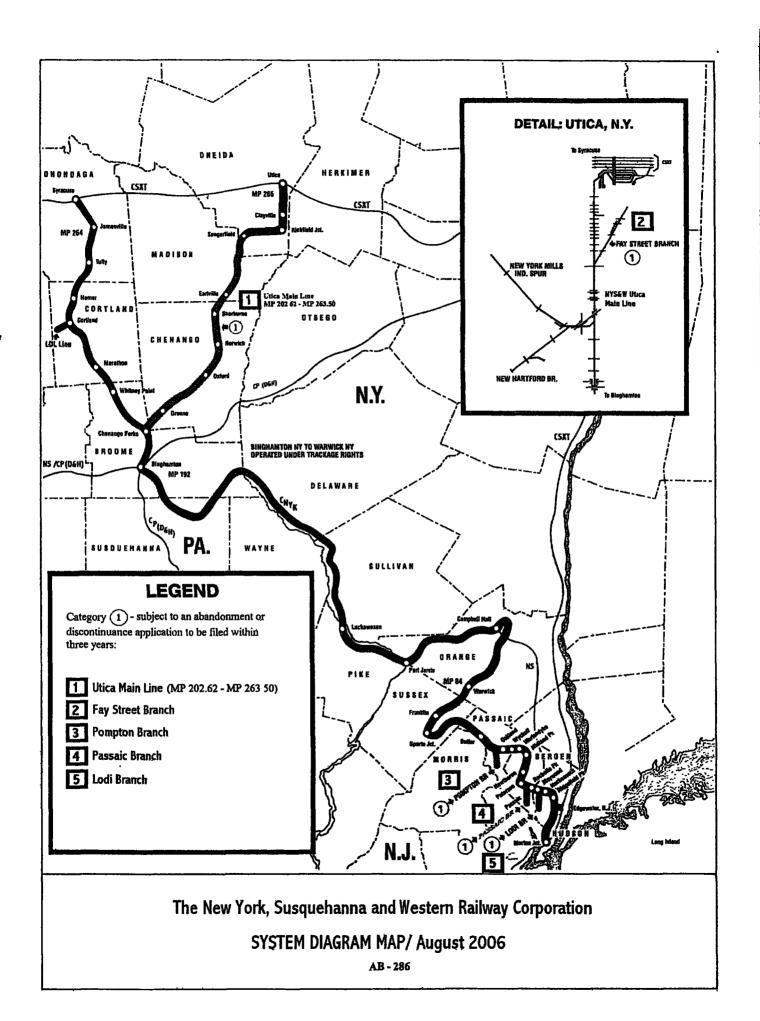
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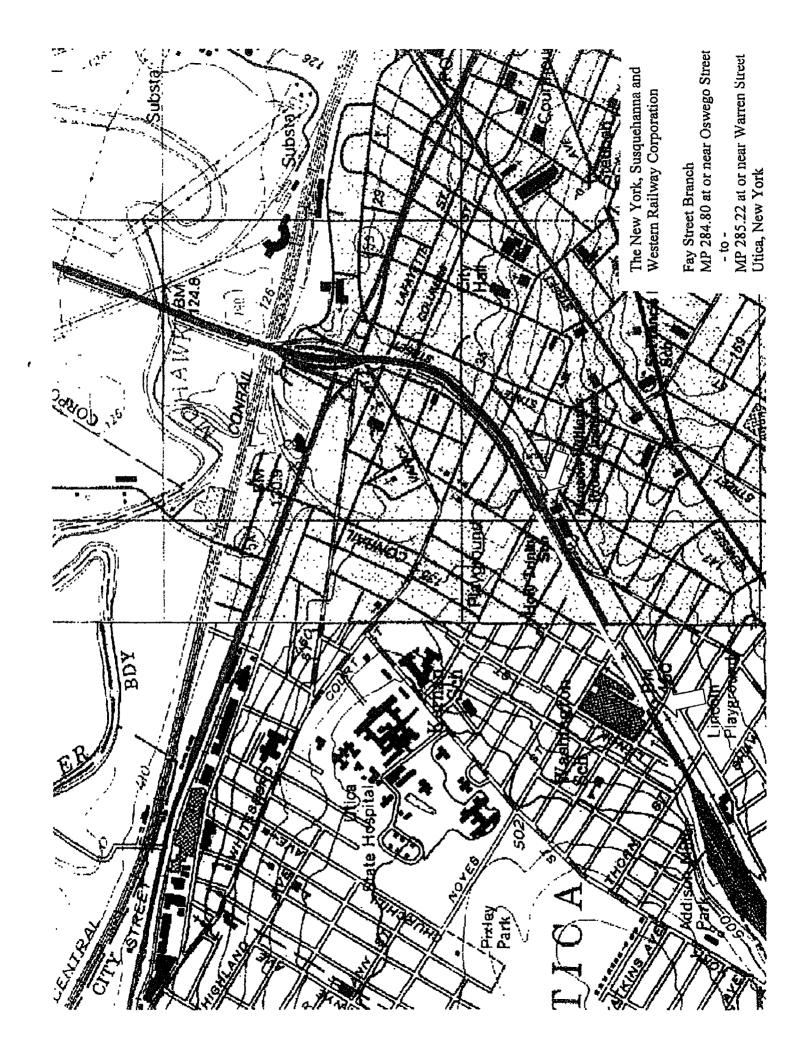
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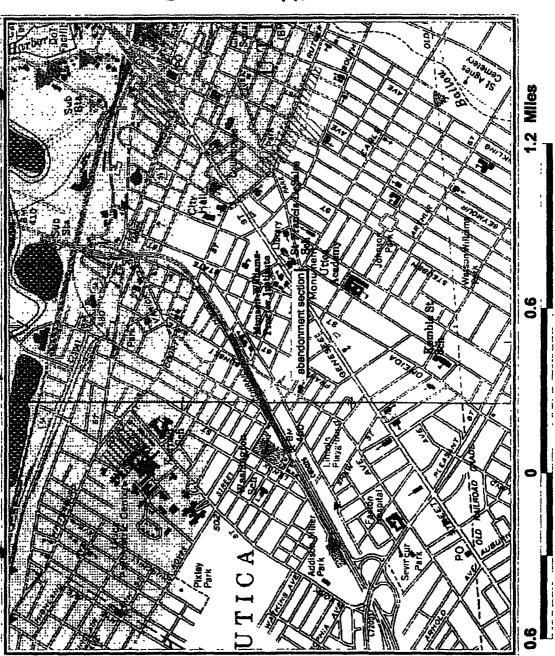
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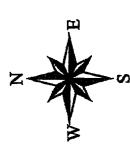
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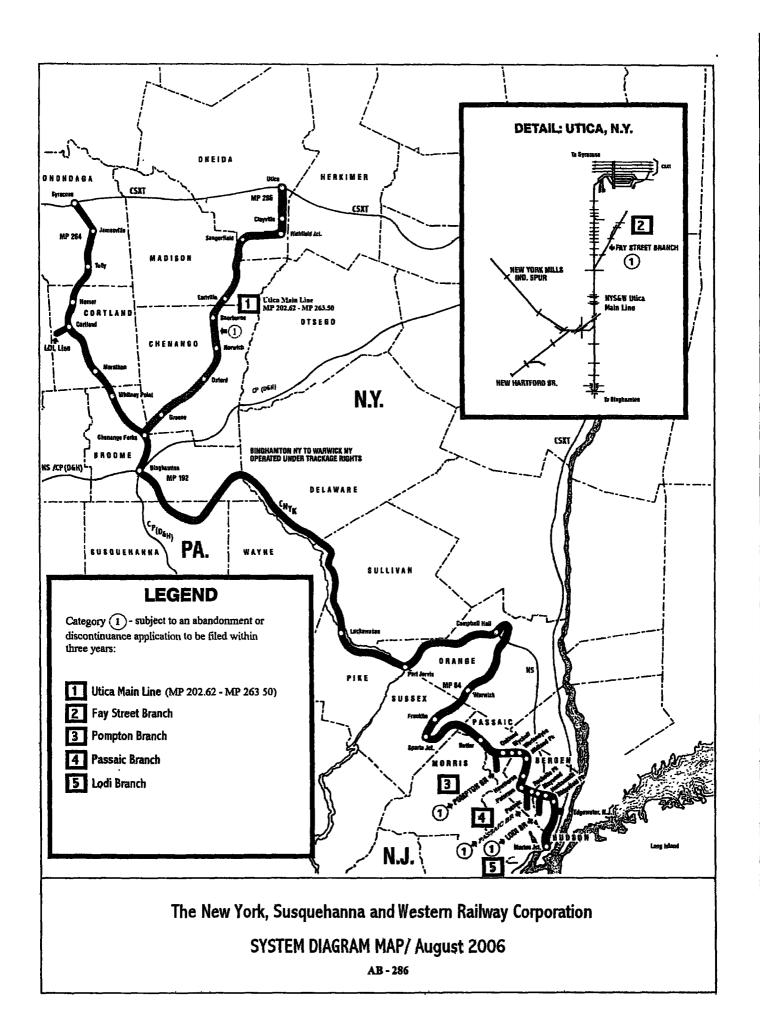
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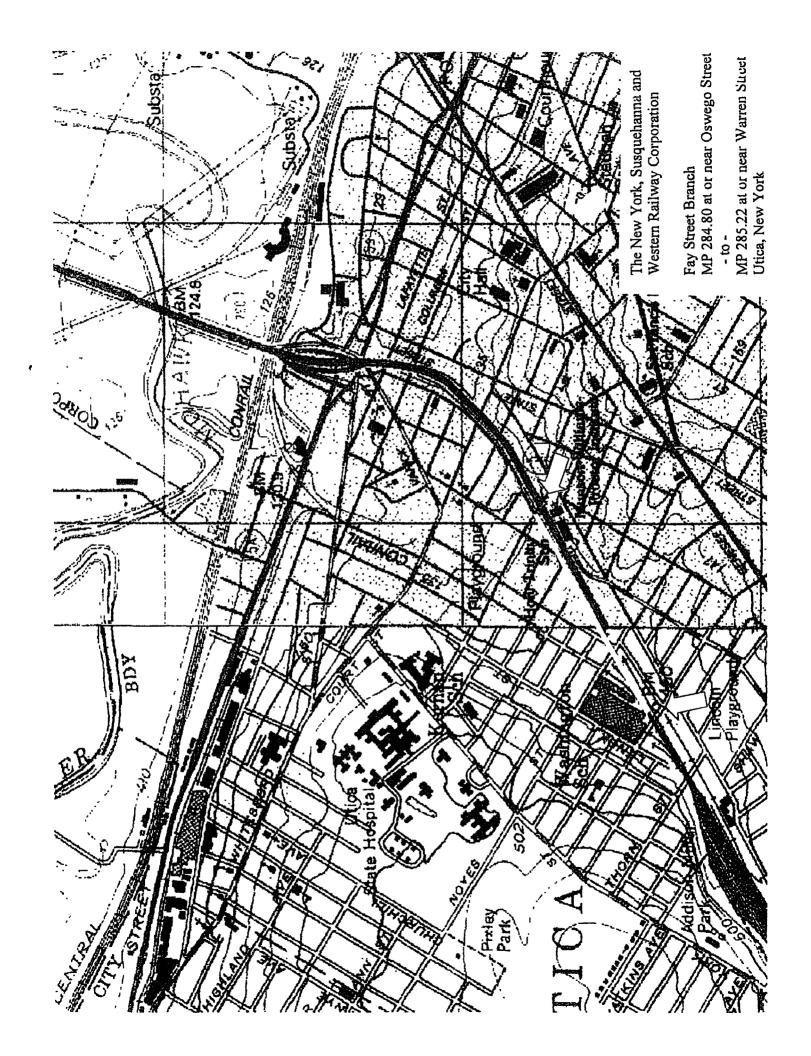
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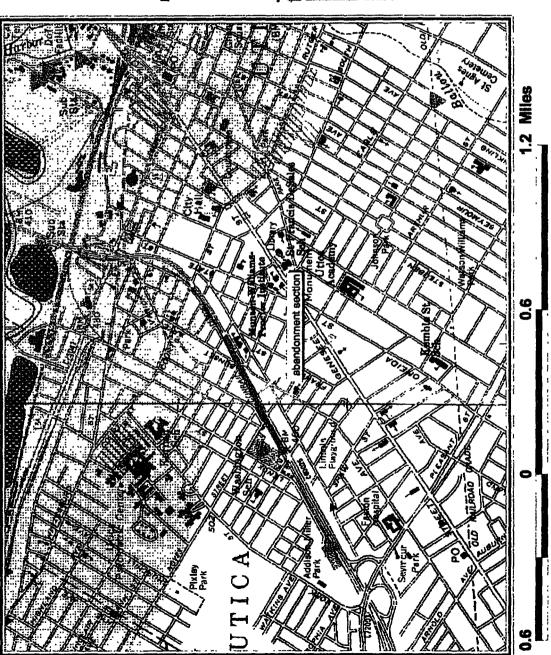
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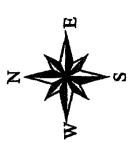
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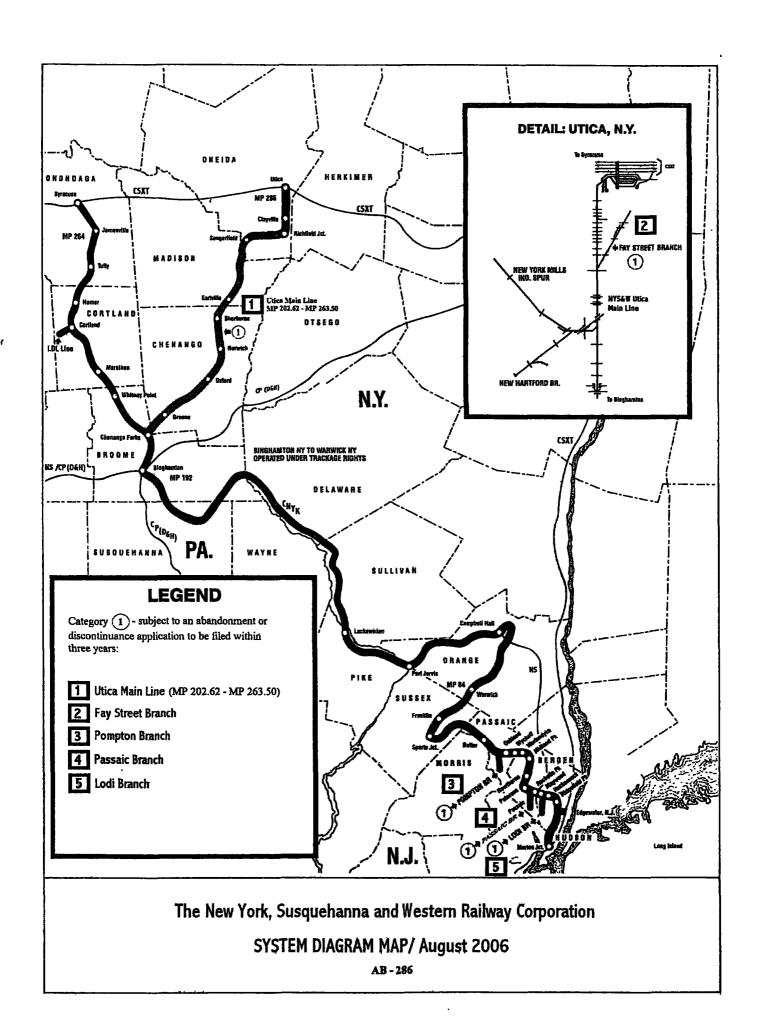
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Proposed Abandonment

NYS&W Fay Street Branch City of Utica, New York

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The proposed abandonment will likely result in the removal of track materials such as rails and ties. It is anticipated that the roadbed, bridges and culverts will be left intact. No placement of dredge or fill materials is anticipated to result from abandonment and/or salvage operations. NYS&W and/or its salvage contractor will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to the environment.

As part of the environmental report, NYS&W is required to consult with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as to whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, to describe those efforts. In addition, we are required to describe any effects on any wildlife sanctuaries. Accordingly, we are seeking your input in this regard.

For your reference, I have enclosed a map of the above-referenced railroad line. Please provide this information as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 607-547-2555, Ext. 236 or at nfenno@nysw.com.

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We have received your request for information regarding occurrences of Federally-listed threatened and endangered species within the vicinity of the above-referenced project/property. Due to increasing workload and reduction of staff, we are no longer able to reply to endangered species list requests in a timely manner. In an effort to streamline project reviews, we are shifting the majority of species list requests to our website at http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm. Please go to our website and print the appropriate portions of our county list of endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species, and the official list request response. Step-by-step instructions are found on our website.

As a reminder, Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits unauthorized taking* of listed species and applies to Federal and non-Federal activities. Additionally, endangered species and their habitats are protected by Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA, which requires Federal agencies, in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), to ensure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. An assessment of the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts is required for all Federal actions that may affect listed species. For projects not authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency, consultation with the Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA is not required. However, no person is authorized to "take"* any listed species without appropriate authorizations from the Service. Therefore, we provide technical assistance to individuals and agencies to assist with project planning to avoid the potential for "take," or when appropriate, to provide assistance with their application for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA.

Project construction or implementation should not commence until all requirements of the ESA have been fulfilled. If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding threatened or endangered species, please contact the Endangered Species Program at (607) 753-9334. Please refer to the above document control number in any future correspondence.

Endangered Species Biologist: Sandra Doran . Landra discon

*Under the Act and regulations, it is illegal for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to take (includes harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect; or to attempt any of these), import or export, ship in interstate or foreign commerce in the course of commercial activity, or sell or offer for sale in interstate or foreign commerce any endangered fish or wildlife species and most threatened fish and wildlife species. It is also illegal to possess, sell, deliver, carry, transport, or ship any such wildlife that has been taken illegally. "Flarm" includes any act which actually kills or injures fish or wildlife, and case law has clarified that such acts may include significant habitat modification or degradation that significantly impairs essential behavioral patterns of fish or wildlife.





VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Bruce Hopkins, Area Conservationist
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Finger Lakes Team Office
9025 River Road
Marcy, NY 13401-2301

June 19, 2009

Re: The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation - Fay Street

Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, NY STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub. No. 6X)

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In advance of preparing an environmental report as required by applicable STB regulations, we are consulting with appropriate agencies such as yours as to any concerns, which they may have as to environmental effects of the proposed abandonment.



June 19, 2009

Bruce Hopkins, Area Conservationist Page 2

We would appreciate an expression from you by July 20, 2009 that, within the area of your authority, you do not perceive that the abandonment will have a significant effect upon the environment. If you have any questions about the railroad's proposal or if you need assistance in this matter, please call me at (215) 640-8500.

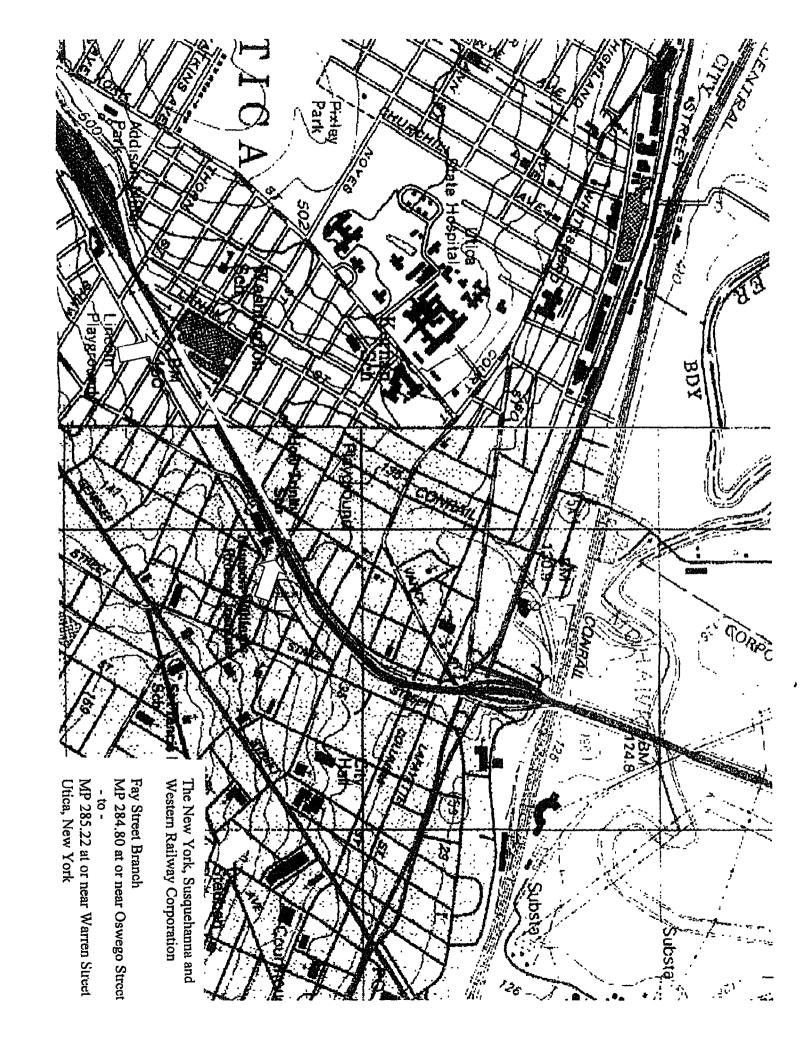
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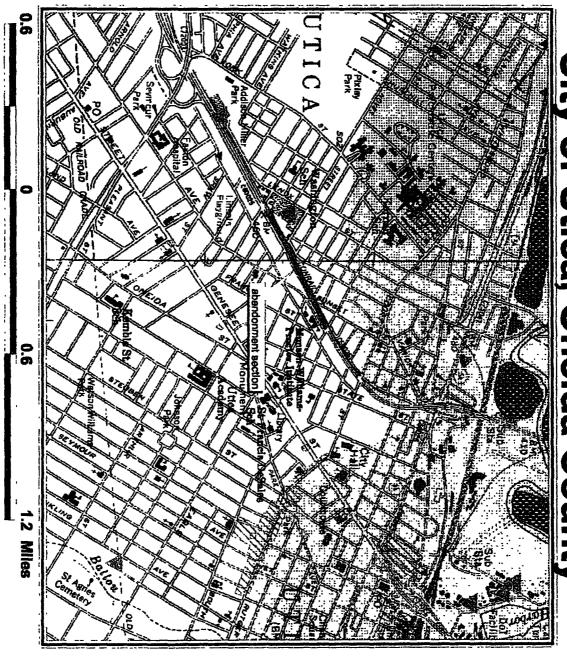
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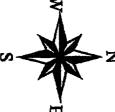


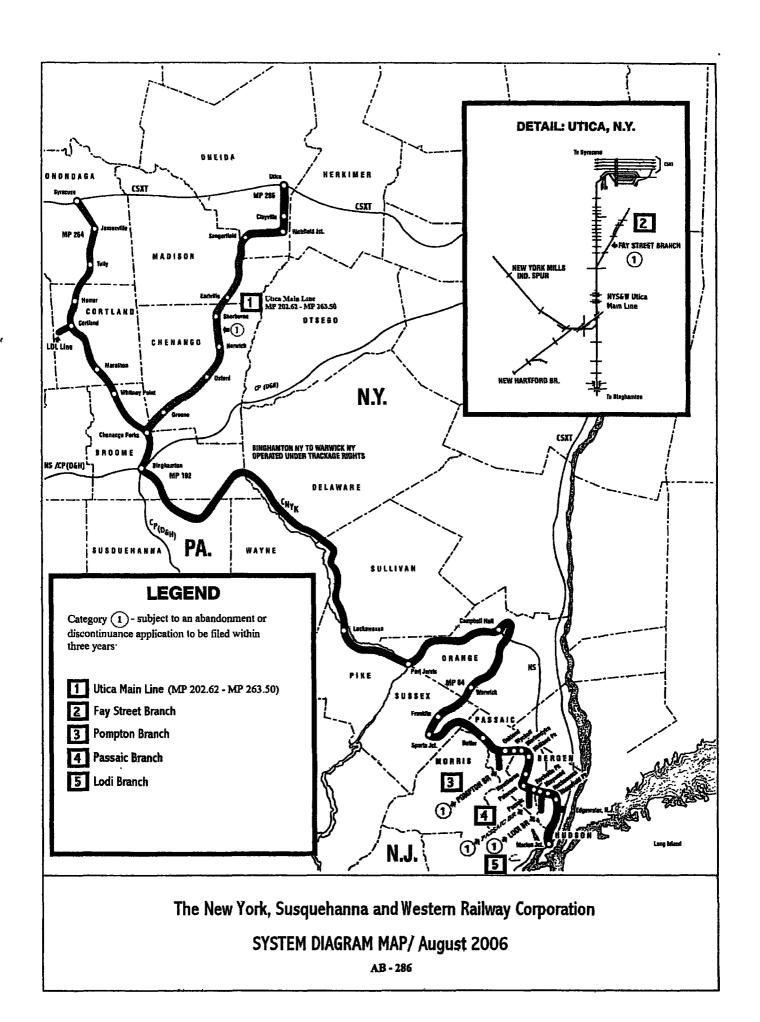
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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Judy Drabicki, Regional 6 Director NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation 317 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601 June 19, 2009

Re: The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation – Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, NY

STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub. No. 6X)

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In advance of preparing an environmental report as required by applicable STB regulations, we are consulting with appropriate agencies such as yours as to any concerns, which they may have as to environmental effects of the proposed abandonment. NYS&W previously consulted with you in June 2007 regarding the proposed abandonment, and your agency provided the enclosed response. Please let us know if your response has changed.



June 19, 2009

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Page 2

We would appreciate an expression from you by July 20, 2009 that, within the area of your authority, you do not perceive that the abandonment will have a significant effect upon the environment. If you have any questions about the railroad's proposal or if you need assistance in this matter, please call me at (215) 640-8500.

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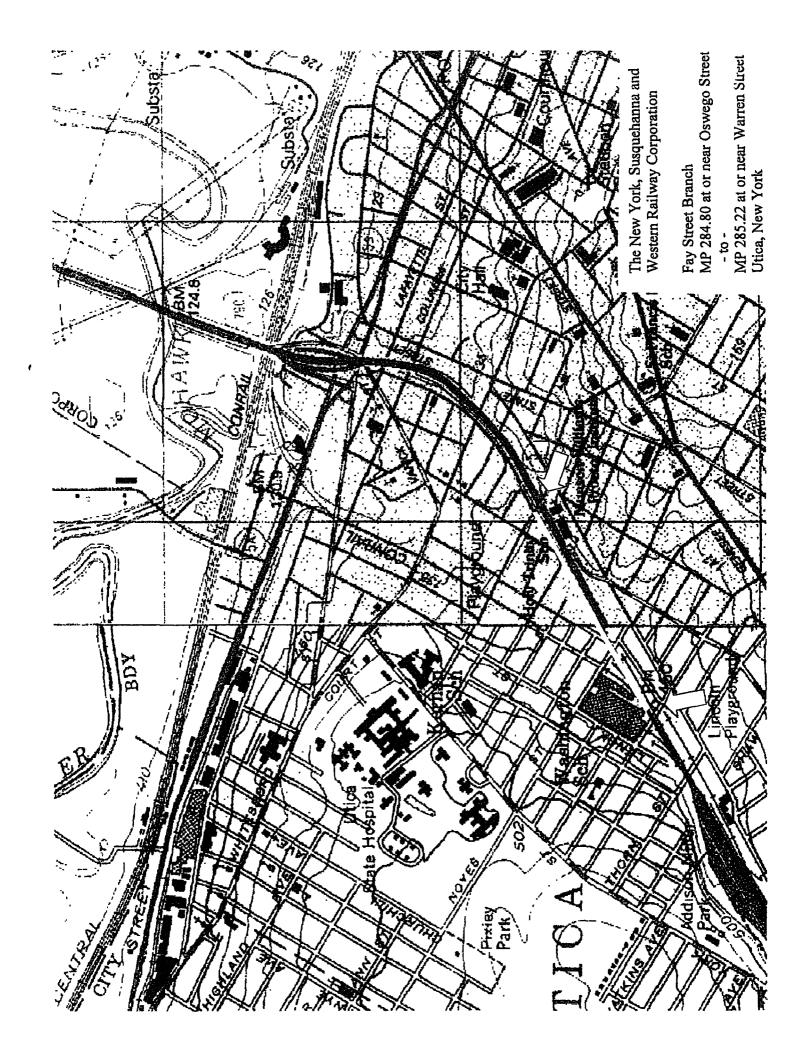
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Enclosures (Maps)

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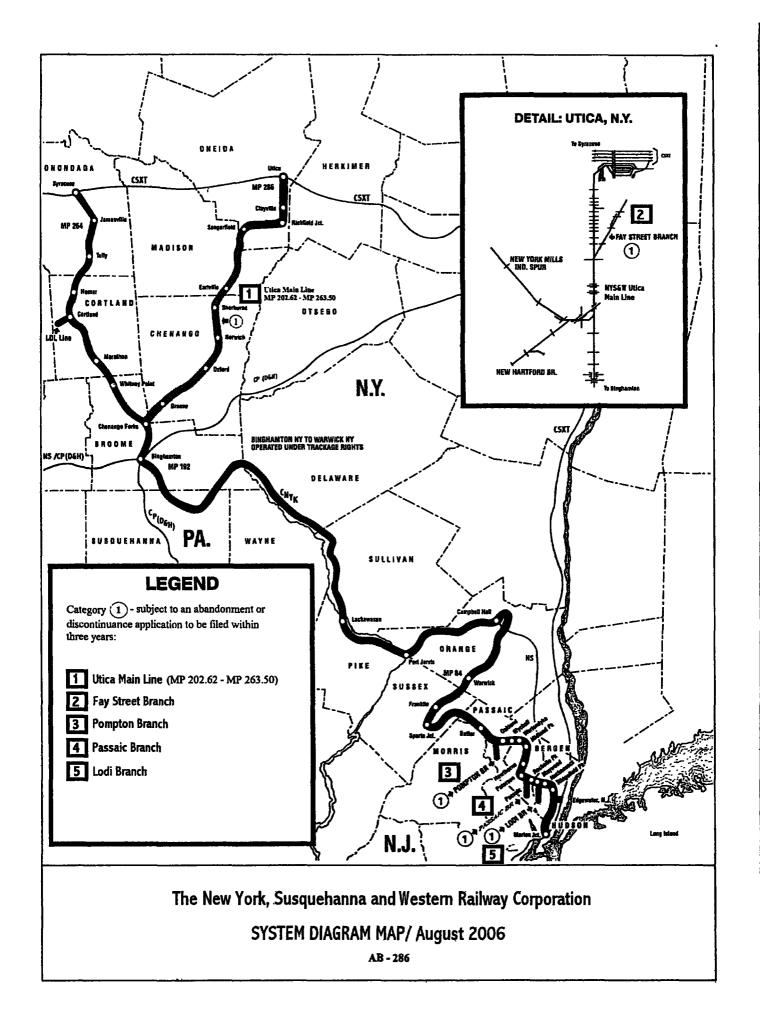


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Nathan R. Fenno President nfenno@nysw.com

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June 7, 2007

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Kenneth P. Lynch, Regional Director NYS Department of Environmental Conservation 615 Erie Blvd. West Syracuse, NY 13204-2400

RE: Proposed Abandonment NYS&W Fay Street Branch City of Utica, New York

Dear Mr. Lynch:

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation ("NYS&W") plans to file a Notice of Exemption allowing abandonment of rail service on the above-referenced line pursuant to the regulations of the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") set forth at 49 C.F.R. 1152.50. In that regard and in order to assist the STB in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act, we are seeking your input on the matters set forth below.

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As part of the environmental report, NYS&W is required to consult with the NYSDEC in regard to the following matters:

- Whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) are required for the proposed action;
- Whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water quality standards, and to describe any inconsistencies; and
- Whether any state parks or forests will be affected.

Accordingly, we are seeking your input in regard to these matters.

For your reference, I have enclosed a map of the above-referenced railroad line. Please provide this information as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 607-547-2555, Ext. 236 or at nfenno@nysw.com.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Nathan R. Fenno

President

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June 11, 2007

Mr. Nathan R. Fenno
President
The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation
1 Railroad Avenue
Cooperstown, NY 13326

Dear Mr. Fenno:

This is to advise you that your letter dated June 7, 2007 addressed to Regional Director Kenneth Lynch regarding the proposed abandonment of rail service at the NYS&W Fay Street Branch in the City of Utica, New York has been forwarded to Judy Drabicki, Regional Director in our Region 6 Watertown Office as Oneida County is located in that region.

Sincerely,

Kim L. Wentworth

Secretary 2

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cc: J. Drabicki (w/letter)

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Division of Environmental Permits, Region 6

207 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13501-2885 Phone: (315) 793-2554 • FAX: (315) 793-2748

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July 11, 2007

Alexander B. Grannis Commissioner



Nathan R. Fenno, President The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation One Railroad Avenue Cooperstown, NY 13326

Re: Abandonment of Rail Service, City of Utica, Oneida County

Dear Mr. Fenno:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is in receipt of your letter dated June 7, 2007. DEC offers the following comments:

- There are no regulated streams nor freshwater wetlands in the project area.. Therefore, no Article
 15 Protection of Waters nor Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands Permits will be required. No Water
 Quality Certification will be required either.
- 2. No state park or forest lands will be impacted.
- 3. You should be aware that a portion of your project is immediately adjacent to the Bossert State Superfund site. All remedial work has been completed at this site, and removal of the rails and ties should have no impact.

If you require additional information, I may be reached at (315) 793-2558.

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Patrick Clearey

Deputy Regional Permit Administrator

Region 6, Utica

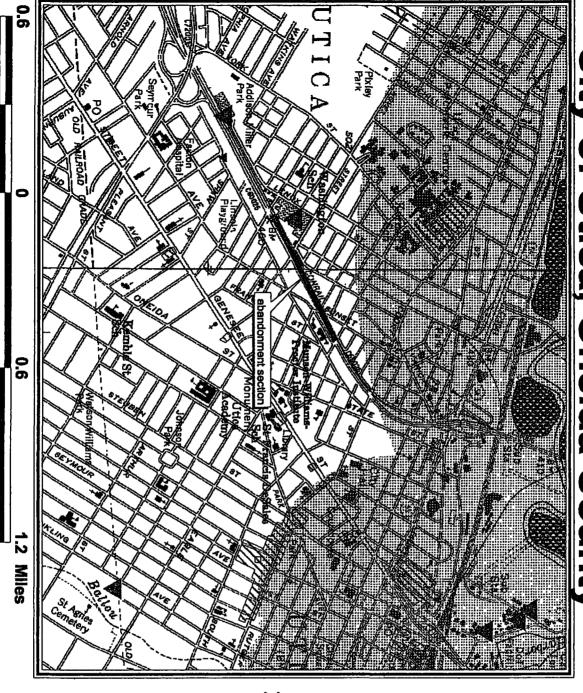
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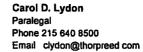
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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mr. Ronnie Taylor NOAA, N/NGS1 National Geodetic Survey SSMC-3, #9202 1313 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 June 19, 2009

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Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, NY STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub. No. 6X)

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June 19, 2009

Mr. Ronnie Taylor Page 2

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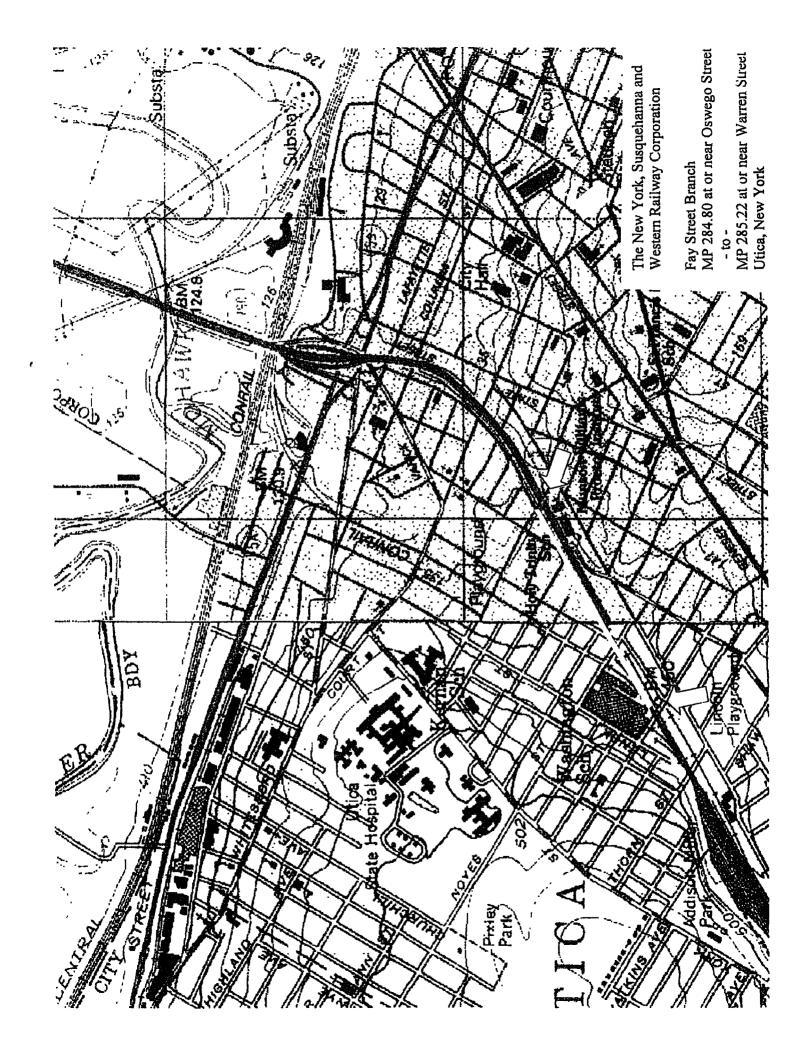
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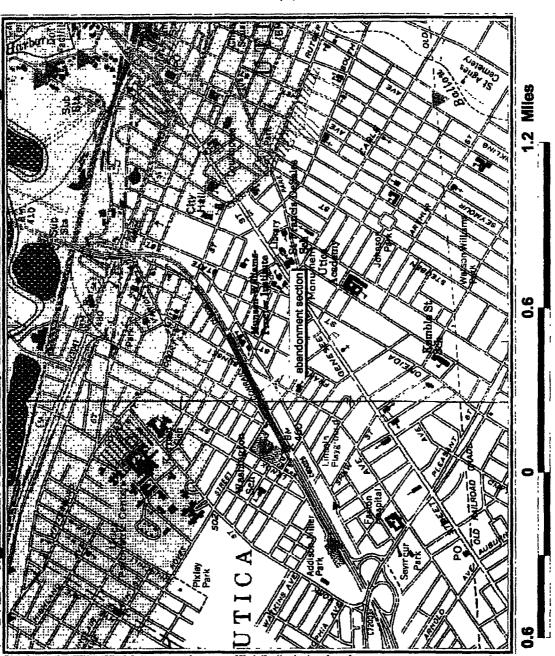
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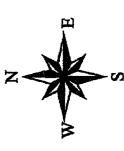
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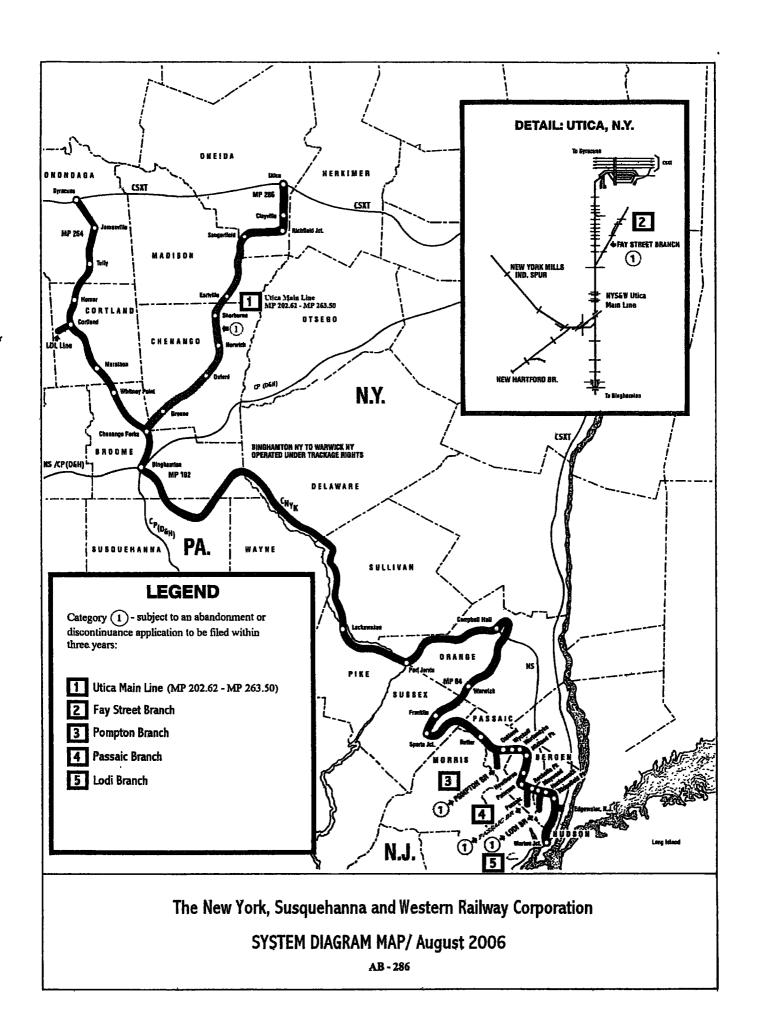
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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Division of Coastal Resources NYS Department of State 99 Washington Ave., Suite 1010 Albany, NY 12231-0001

June 19, 2009

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Please advise us whether this segment is within New York's coastal zone. If it is within the coastal zone, please advise further (1) if the proposed abandonment is an action listed for review in New York's coastal zone management plan, and (2) if the action is so listed, whether the proposed action is consistent with the coastal zone management plan. We would appreciate a response from you by July 20, 2009.



June 19, 2009

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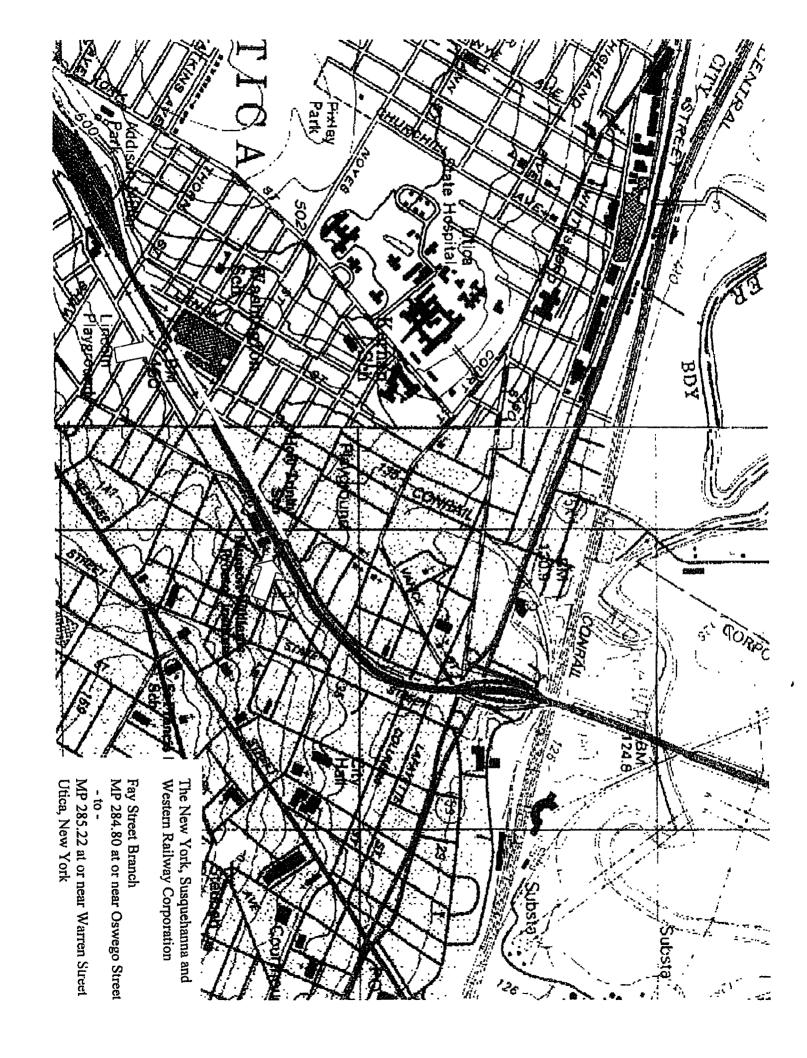
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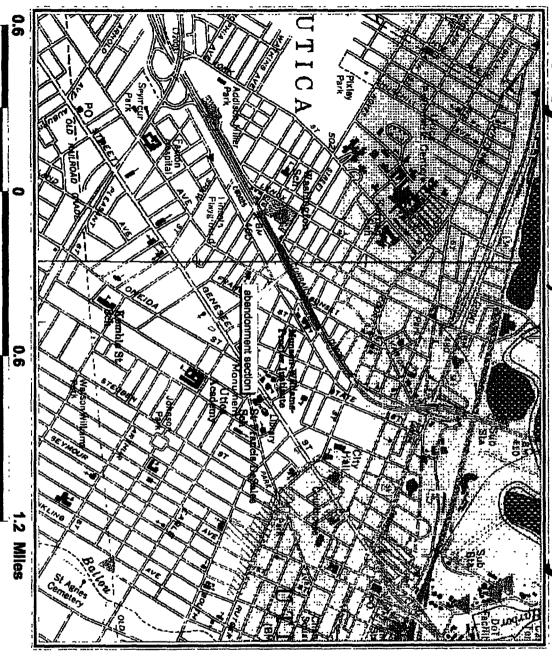
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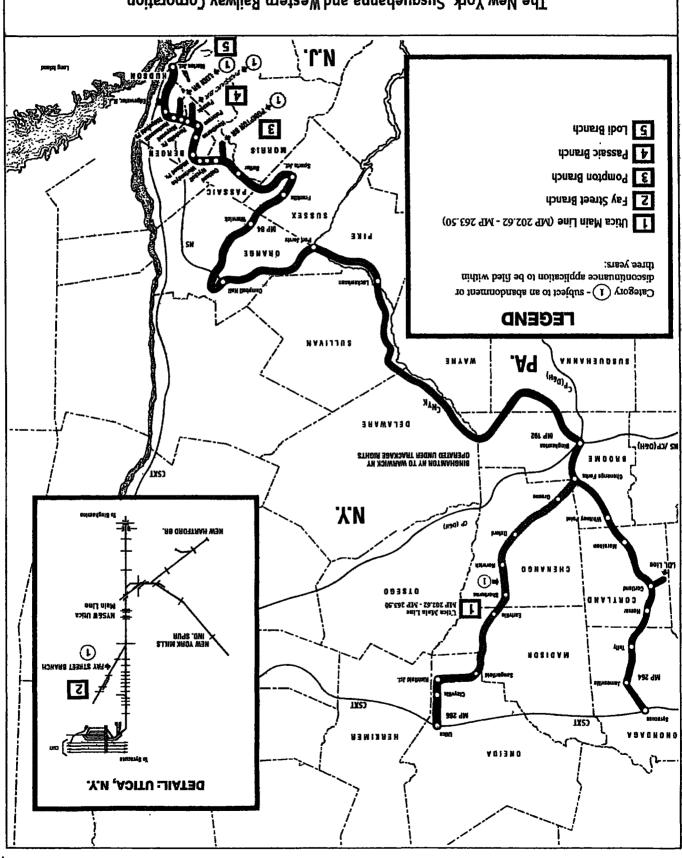
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The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation SYSTEM DIAGRAM MAP\ August 2006

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The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation

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Nathan R. Fenno President nfenno@nysw.com

June 7, 2007

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Civil Works Office U. S. Army Corps of Engineers 26 Federal Plaza New York, NY 10278-0090

RE: Proposed Abandonment

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As part of the environmental report, NYS&W is required to consult with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as to whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) are required and whether any designated wetlands or 100 year flood plains will be affected, and describe any such effects. Accordingly, we are seeking you input in this regard.

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June 7, 2007

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The Galleries of Syracuse
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RE: Proposed Abandonment

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As part of the environmental report, NYS&W is required to consult with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in regard to the effect of the abandonment on any prime agricultural land. Accordingly, we are contacting you to seek your input in that regard.

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June 7, 2007

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service New York Field Office 3817 Luker Road Cortland, NY 13045

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As part of the environmental report, NYS&W is required to consult with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as to whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, to describe those efforts. In addition, we are required to describe any effects on any wildlife sanctuaries. Accordingly, we are seeking your input in this regard.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Nathan R. Fenno

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United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Project Number: 70739

To: Pathan Fenno	Date: 6-13-67
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As a reminder, Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) prohibits unauthorized taking* of listed species and applies to Federal and non-Federal activities. Additionally, endangered species and their habitats are protected by Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA, which requires Federal agencies, in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), to ensure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. An assessment of the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts is required for all Federal actions that may affect listed species. For projects not authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency, consultation with the Service pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA is not required. However, no person is authorized to "take"* any listed species without appropriate authorizations from the Service. Therefore, we provide technical assistance to individuals and agencies to assist with project planning to avoid the potential for "take," or when appropriate, to provide assistance with their application for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA.

Project construction or implementation should not commence until all requirements of the ESA have been fulfilled. If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding threatened or endangered species, please contact the Endangered Species Program at (607) 753-9334. Please refer to the above document control number in any future correspondence.

Endangered Species Biologist:	Sandra Doran	who the	A to be seen
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^{*}Under the Act and regulations, it is illegal for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to take (includes harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect; or to attempt any of these), import or export, ship in interstate or foreign commerce in the course of commercial activity, or sell or offer for sale in interstate or foreign commerce any endangered fish or wildlife species and most threatened fish and wildlife species. It is also illegal to pussess, sell, deliver, carry, transport, or ship any such wildlife that has been taken filegally. "Harm" includes any act which actually kills or injures fish or wildlife, and case law has clarified that such acts may include significant habitat modification or degradation that significantly impairs essential behavioral patterns of fish or wildlife.



The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation

1 Railroad Avenue Cooperstown, NY 13326 607-547-2555

> Fax: 607-547-9834 www.nysw.com

Nathan R. Fenno President nfenno@nysw.com

June 7, 2007

John R. Kent, Commissioner Oneida County Planning Department Boehlert Center at Union Station 321 Main Street Utica, NY 13501-1229

RE: Proposed Abandonment

NYS&W Fay Street Branch

City of Utica, Oneida County, New York

Dear Commissioner Kent:

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation ("NYS&W") plans to file a Notice of Exemption allowing abandonment of rail service on the above-referenced line pursuant to the regulations of the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") set forth at 49 C.F.R. 1152.50. In that regard and in order to assist the STB in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act, we are seeking your input on the matters set forth below.

The proposed abandonment will likely result in the removal of track materials such as rails and ties. It is anticipated that the roadbed, bridges and culverts will be left intact. No placement of dredge or fill materials is anticipated to result from abandonment and/or salvage operations. NYS&W and/or its salvage contractor will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to the environment.

As part of the environmental report, NYS&W is required to consult with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as to whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, to describe those efforts. In addition, we are required to describe any effects on any wildlife sanctuaries. Accordingly, we are seeking your input in this regard.

For your reference, I have enclosed a map of the above-referenced railroad line. Please provide this information as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this

matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 607-547-2555, Ext. 236 or at nfenno@nysw.com.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Nathan R. Fenno

President

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Nathan R. Fenno President nfenno@nysw.com

June 7, 2007

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Kenneth P. Lynch, Regional Director NYS Department of Environmental Conservation 615 Erie Blvd. West Syracuse, NY 13204-2400

RE: Proposed Abandonment NYS&W Fay Street Branch City of Utica, New York

Dear Mr. Lynch:

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As part of the environmental report, NYS&W is required to consult with the NYSDEC in regard to the following matters:

- Whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) are required for the proposed action;
- Whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water quality standards, and to describe any inconsistencies; and
- Whether any state parks or forests will be affected.

Accordingly, we are seeking your input in regard to these matters.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Nathan R. Fenno

President

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Regional Director, Region 7

615 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, New York 13204-2400

Phone: (315) 426-7403 • FAX: (315) 426-7408

Website: www.dec.ny.gov



June 11, 2007

Mr. Nathan R. Fenno President The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation 1 Railroad Avenue Cooperstown, NY 13326

Dear Mr. Fenno:

This is to advise you that your letter dated June 7, 2007 addressed to Regional Director Kenneth Lynch regarding the proposed abandonment of rail service at the NYS&W Fay Street Branch in the City of Utica, New York has been forwarded to Judy Drabicki, Regional Director in our Region 6 Watertown Office as Oneida County is located in that region.

Sincerely,

Kim L. Wentworth

Secretary 2

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cc: J. Drabicki (w/letter)

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Division of Environmental Permits, Region 6

207 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13501-2885 **Phone:** (315) 793-2554 • **FAX:** (315) 793-2748

Website: www.dec.state.ny.us

Alexander B. Grannis Commissioner

July 11, 2007



Nathan R. Fenno, President The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation One Railroad Avenue Cooperstown, NY 13326

Re:

Abandonment of Rail Service City of Utica, Oneida County

Dear Mr. Fenno:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is in receipt of your letter dated June 7, 2007. DEC offers the following comments:

- There are no regulated streams nor freshwater wetlands in the project area.. Therefore, no Article
 15 Protection of Waters nor Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands Permits will be required. No Water
 Quality Certification will be required either.
- 2. No state park or forest lands will be impacted.
- 3. You should be aware that a portion of your project is immediately adjacent to the Bossert State Superfund site. All remedial work has been completed at this site, and removal of the rails and ties should have no impact.

If you require additional information, I may be reached at (315) 793-2558.

Sinceret

Patrick Clearey

Deputy Regional Permit Administrator

Region 6, Utica

PC:kt

cc:

John Durin

Bob Senior

CEO City of Utica

Susquehanna & Western Railway of Utica, Oneida County



- Remediation Sites

 Brownfield Cleanup Program

 Environmental Restoration Program
- State Superfund Program
- **Voluntary Cleanup Program**
- Stream with inconsistent Water Class
 Stream with Water Classification
 S Regulatory Freshwater Wetland Archeological Sites Inconsistent Water Class Points
- Class 2 Class 3 National/State Register Site State Historic Site Uncoded Class 4 Class 1





Carol D. Lydon
Paralegal
Direct Dial 215 640 8500
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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

New York State Historic Preservation Office Peebles Island Resource Center P.O. Box 189 Waterford, NY 12188-0189 June 22, 2009

Re: ... The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation - Fay Street

Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, NY STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub. No. 6X)

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation ("NYS&W") proposes to abandon a segment of its line of railroad, known as the Fay Street Branch from Milepost 284.80 at or near Oswego Street in Utica, NY, to Milepost 285.22 at or near Warren Street in Utica, NY, for a distance of 0.42 miles. This segment is located in Oneida County. This line traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 13502. Maps showing the location of the line are attached.

NYS&W plans to seek Surface Transportation Board ("STB") authorization for its abandonment through a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50 on or about August 3, 2009 in STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub-No. 6X).

Based upon information in our possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights of way. NYS&W plans to remove and sell the track and believes that the right of way could be used for highway other public purposes. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

There are no open agency stations, and no local service has been provided on this branch in over ten years. NYS&W does not believe that there are any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. NYS&W believes that the abandonment will not have a significant effect upon the environment. NYS&W intends to salvage the track materials such as rails and ties, but anticipates that the roadbed will be left intact. There are no bridges, culverts or other structures on the line. It and/or its salvage contractor will comply will all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to the environment in conducting any salvage of the line.

This consultation as to any concerns which you may have as to historic preservation effects of the proposed abandonment, is being taken in advance of preparing an historic report as required by applicable regulations.

We would appreciate an expression from you by July 20, 2009 with respect to each segment that, within the area of your authority, you do not perceive that the abandonment will have a significant effect upon historic preservation. If you have any questions about

Pittsburgh

Philadelphia

Princeton

Wheeling

Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP One Commerce Square 2005 Market Street Suite 1000 Philadelphia, PA 19103-7041 215 640 8500 215 640 8501 Fax



June 22, 2009

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the railroad's proposal, or if you need further assistance, please call me at (215) 829-9900.

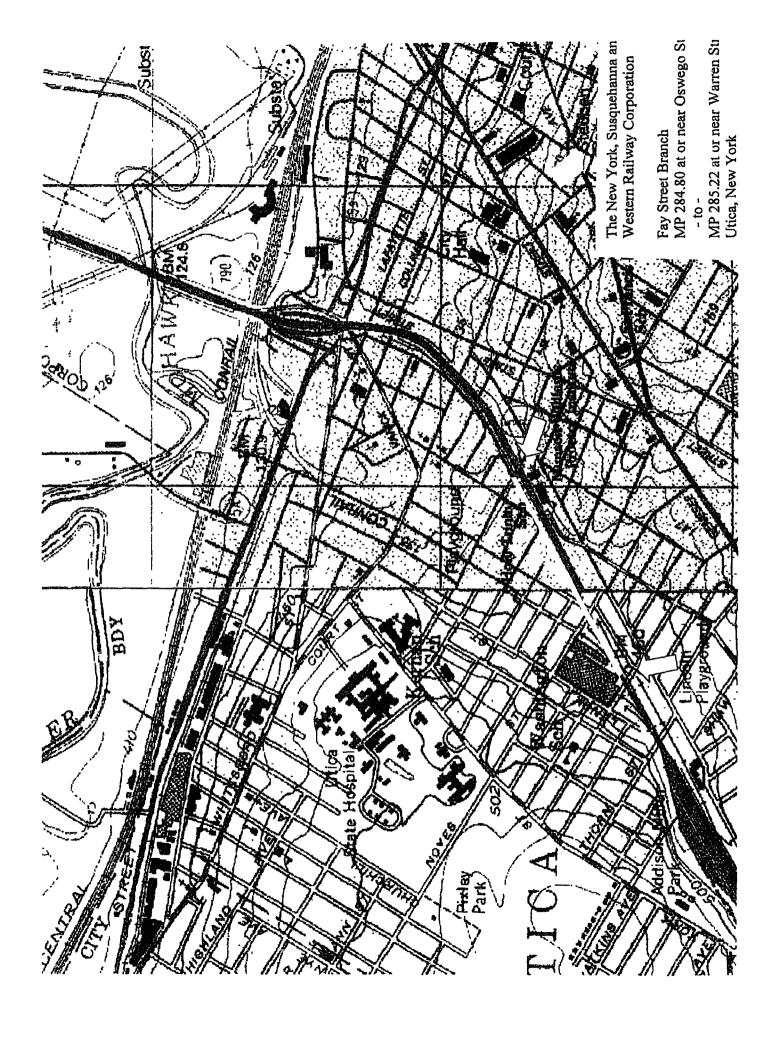
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Carol D. Lydon

Enclosures (Maps)

CC: Nathan R. Fenno, President Eric M. Hocky, Esquire



City of Utica, Oneida County JTICA

Brownfield Cleanup Program Environmental Restoration Program State Superfund Program

Remediation Sites

Stream with Inconsistent Water Class
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NYS Regulatory Freshwater Wetland
Class 1

Class 2 Class 3

Class 4

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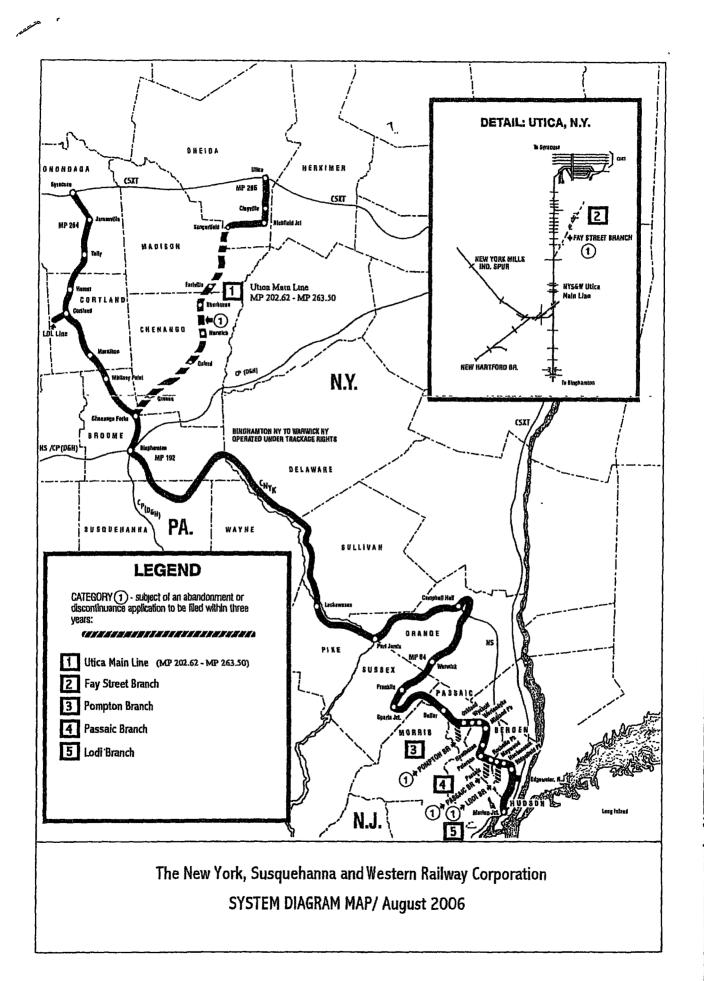


EXHIBIT B



Project Number: 70739

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

New York Field Office
3817 Luker Road
Cortland, NY 13045
Phone. (607) 753-9334 Fax: (607) 753-9699
http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo



To. Carol Lydon	DateJul 16, 2009
Regarding: Fay Street Branch Abandonment, New Yor	k Susquehanna and Western Railway Corp.
Town/County: City of Utica / Oneida County	

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Endangered Species Biologist: _Sandra Doran _Sandsa Boran

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Oneida County

Federally Listed Endangered and Threatened Species and Candidate Species

This list represents the best available information regarding known or likely County occurrences of Federally-listed and candidate species and is subject to change as new information becomes available.

 Common Name
 Scientific Name
 Status

 Bog turtle (Camden, Florence Townships)
 Clemmys [=Glyptemys] muhlenbergii
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 Indiana bat (S)
 Myotis sodalis
 E

Status Codes: E=Endangered T=Threatened P=Proposed C=Candidate D=Delisted

W=Winter S=Summer

Information current as of: 7/16/2009

Print Species List.



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGION 2 207 GENESEE STREET UTICA, NY 13501 www.nysdot.gov

MICHAEL A. SHAMMA, P.E. REGIONAL DIRECTOR

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ACTING COMMISSIONER

Regional Planning & Program Management (315)793-2450
Internet: NYSDOT2@dot.state.ny.us
Fax: (315)793-2719

July 8, 2009

Ms. Carol D. Lydon Thorp, Reed, & Armstrong 2005 Market Street, Suite 1000 Philadelphia, PA 19103

RE: New York, Susquehanna & Western

Railway Corporation

Fay Street Branch Abandonment City of Utica, Oneida County

STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub. No. 6X)

Dear Ms. Lydon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed abandonment of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation, Fay Street Branch. At this time, the Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is not aware of any significant effect to the environment that would result from the abandonment of this Branch.

It should be noted that the Branch being proposed for abandonment is within the boundaries of a proposed NYSDOT highway project. In terms of its abandonment, the Department views this property as having a significant future transportation use and requests to be involved as the process evolves.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact me at (315)793-2447, or David Clements, Regional Rail Coordinator, at (315)793-2450.

Sincerely,
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Michael A. Shamma, P.E.

Regional Director

cc: D. Clements, Regional Rail Coordinator, R-2



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ONE COMMERCE PLAZA 99 WASHINGTON AVENUE ALBANY, NY 12231-0001

June 29, 2009

LORRAINE A. CORTÉS-VÁZQUEZ SECRETARY OF STATE

Ms. Carol D. Lydon
Paralegal
Thorp Reed & Armstrong

DAVID A. PATERSON

GOVERNOR

Re: The New York, Susquehana and Western

Railway Corporation - Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, N.Y. STB Docket No.: AB-286 (Sub No. 6X)

No Jurisdiction

Dear Ms. Lydon:

The Department of State has reviewed your letter dated June 19, 2009 proposing to abandon a segment railroad, known as the Fay Street Branch.

The proposed activity does not appear to require a federal permit, license, or other form of authorization. Therefore, further review of this project by the Department of State, and concurrence with your consistency certification, are not necessary.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this matter, please contact me at (518) 474-6000.

Sincerely,

Supervisor of Consistency Review Office of Coastal, Local Government and Community Sustainability

JZ/dc

EXHIBIT C

New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp. – Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, NY STB Docket No. AB286 (Sub. No. 6x)

AGENCY: ***	DATE SENT *	CONTACT	FÖRM ÖF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
Office of the Governor	6/19/09 - Consultation		
State of New York	letter sent		
State Capitol			
Albany, NY 12224			
NYS Department of	6/19/09 - Consultation		
Transportation 50 Wolf Road	letter sent		
Albany, NY 12232			
Michael A. Shamma, Regional	6/19/09 – Consultation		7/8/09 - Letter from Michael Shamma advising that it
Director	letter sent		anticipates no significant effect on the environment as a
NYS Department of			result of the abandonment. However, the site is located
Transportation			within the boundaries of a proposed NYSDO1 highway
Region 6			fitting transportation use and requests being involved as
Utica State Office Building			the process evolves.
207 Genesee Street			
Utica, NY 13501			

New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp. - Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, NY STB Docket No. AB286 (Sub. No. 6x)

*AGENCY	DATE SENT	CONTACT	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARRY
Jack McKeon, Deputy	6/19/09 - Consultation		
Commissioner	letter scnt		
Office of Administration			
New York State Department of			
Environmental Conservation			
625 Broadway	-		
Albany, New York 12233-0001			
Kenneth P. Lynch, Regional	Letter sent previously,		
Director	6///0/. Received letter		
NYS Dept. of Environmental	6/11/07 advising that letter		
Conservation	would be forwarded to		
615 Erie Blvd. West	Judy Drabicki.		
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	needed; no impact to state		
	or forest lands; adjacent to		
	Superfund site, but no		
	anticipated impact.	,	

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New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp. – Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, NY STB Docket No. AB286 (Sub. No. 6x)

AGENCY: *** ****	DATE SENT	CONTACT	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
Judy Drabicki, Region 6 Director NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation 317 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		
NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-4750	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		

New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp. – Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oncida County, NY STB Docket No. AB286 (Sub. No. 6x)

**GENCY.	DATE SENT	CONTACT	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
NY Dept. of Environmental	6/19/09 – Consultation	Steven R. Heerkens,	6/29/09 - Email from Steve Heerkens. He received letter
Conservation, Region 6	letter sent	Wildlife Biologist I	sent to address at left. There are no issues with wildlife or
Bureau of Wildlife			natural resources in the area of the abandonment. He is
317 Washington Street			forwarding letter to John Durnin in the Albany office to
Watertown NY 13601			inquire as to possible issues related to the rr's proximinty
			to the Bossert Hazardous Waste site.
			7/1/09 – Sent email to Steve Heerkens advising that per
			the client (via email 6/30/09 to EH), the active railroad is
			adjacent to Bossert, not the IT to be abandoned.
			7/3/09 – Email received from John Durnin confirming
			that there are no environmental issues pertaining to the
			abandonment as it relates to the Bossert site.
NY Dept. of Environmental	6/19/09 – Consultation		
Conservation	letter sent	_	
Lands and Forests			
625 Broadway, 5th Floor			
Albany, NY 12233			

New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp. – Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oncida County, NY STB Docket No. AB286 (Sub. No. 6x)

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NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		
Lands and Forests, Region 6			
Watertown, NY 13601			
NY Dept. of Environmental	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		
NY Natural Heritage Program			
625 Broadway, 5th Floor Albany, NY 12233-4757			
Division of Coastal Resources	6/19/09 - Consultation		7/10/09 - Received letter from the Office of Coastal,
NYS Department of State	letter sent		Local Government and Community Sustainability (Dept.
99 Washington Avenue, Suite			of State). Abandonment requires no permits, licenses or authorization.
Albany, NY 12231-0001			
John R. Kent, Commissioner	Letter sent previously,		
Oneida County Planning	6/7/07. No response		
Department	received.		
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New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp. – Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oncida County, NY STB Docket No. AB286 (Sub. No. 6x)

AGENCY	DATE SENT	CONTACT	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
US EPA Region 2 290 Broadway New York, New York 10007- 1866	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Northeast Regional Office 300 Westgate Center Drive Hadley, MA 01035-9589	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service New York Field Office 3817 Luker Road Cortland, NY 13045	Letter sent previously, 6/7/07. Received letter dated 6/13/07 advising to check website for county listings of endangered wildlife and to proceed accordingly. 6/19/09 – Consultation letter scnt		7/16/09 – Reccived email advising to consult website for the county list of endangered, threatened, proposed and candidate species. Performed search as advised; there is no potential habitat for endangered species.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division 302 General Lee Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11252	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		

New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp. – Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oncida County, NY STB Docket No. AB286 (Sub. No. 6x)

*AGENCY?	DATE SENT	CONTACT	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY.
Civil Works Office U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York District	Letter sent previously, 6/7/07. No response received.		
26 Federal Plaza New York, NY 10278-0090	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		
Regional Director, National Park Service Northeast Region U.S. Custom House 200 Chestnut Street, 5 th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19106	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service New York State Office Ron Alvardo, State Conservationist 441 E. Salina Street, Room 520 Syracuse, NY 13202-2450	Letter sent previously, 6/7/07. No response received. 6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		

New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp. – Fay Street Branch Abandonment - Oneida County, NY STB Docket No. AB286 (Sub. No. 6x)

AGENCY	DATÉ SENT	CONTACT	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		
Mr. Ronnie Taylor NOAA, N/NGS1 National Geodetic Survey SSMC-3, #9202 1313 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282	6/19/09 – Consultation letter sent		
New York State Historic Preservation Office Peebles Island Resource Center P.O. Box 189 Watcrford, NY 12188-0189	6/22/09 – Consultation letter scnt		

EXHIBIT D

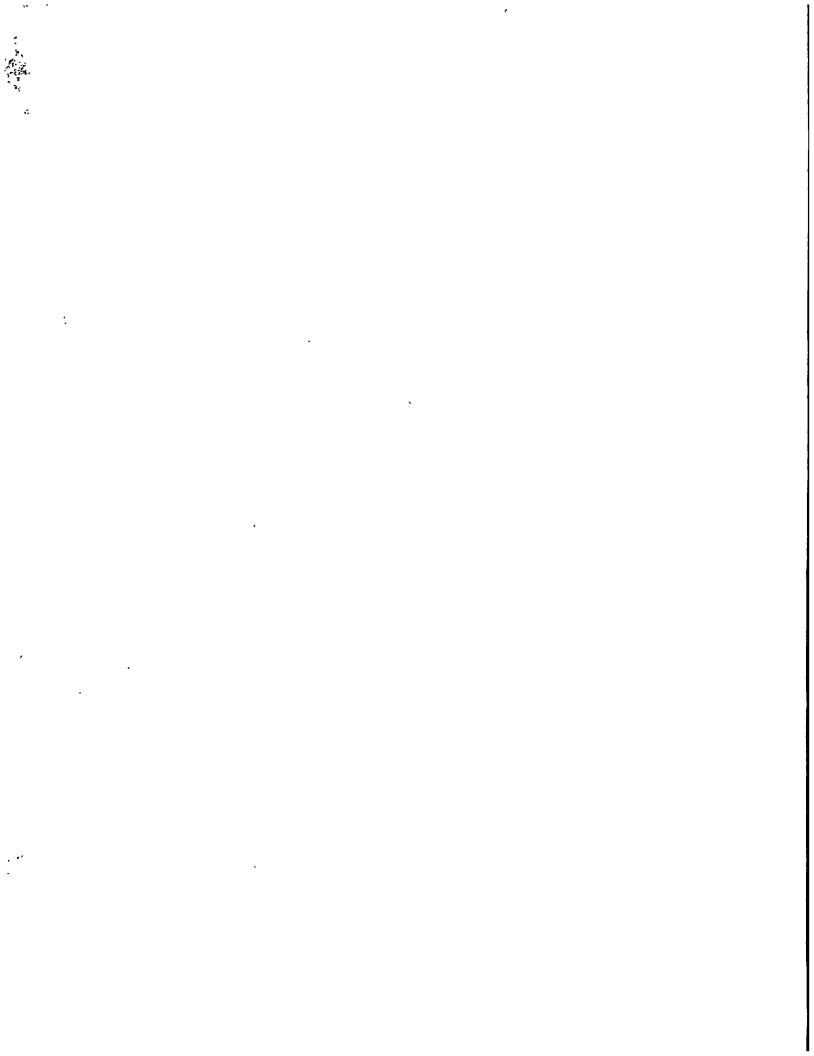
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE

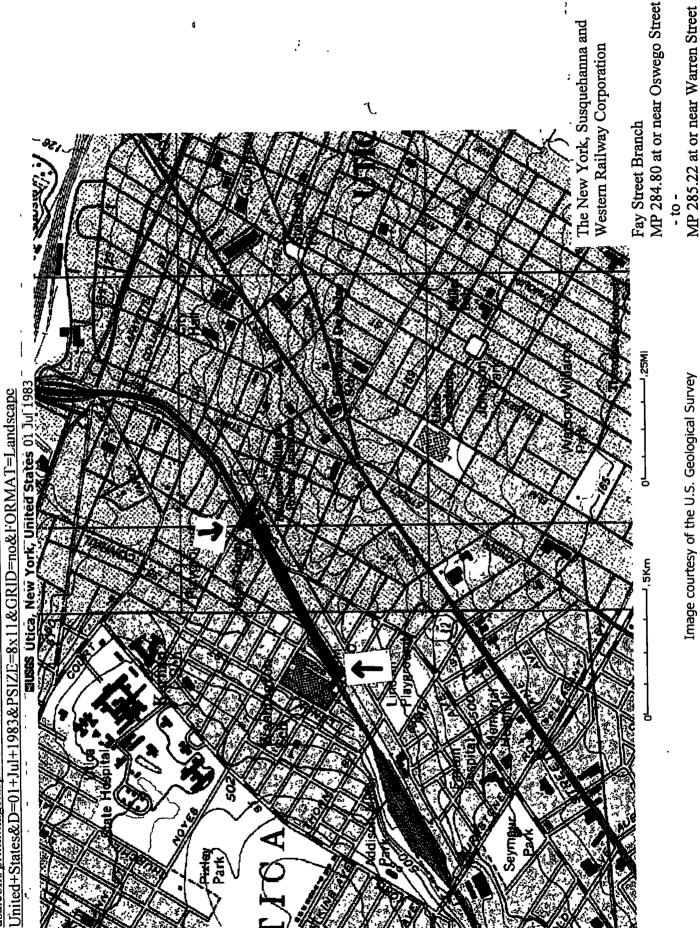
The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation ("NYS&W") gives notice that on or about August 13, 2009, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F – Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of a segment of its line of railroad, known as the Fay Street Branch from Milepost 284.80 at or near Oswego Street in Utica, NY, to Milepost 285.22 at or near Warren Street in Utica, NY, for a distance of 0.42 miles. This segment is located in Oneida County. This line traverses through United States Postal Zip Code 13502. The proceeding will be docketed as STB Docket No. AB-286 (Sub. No. 6X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public, and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 [see 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [see 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Eric M. Hocky, Esquire, Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 1000, Philadelphia, PA 19103; (215) 640-8500.

EXHIBIT E





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